First poll of the campaign shows large potential support for Liberal Democrats

Labour starts with 3-point lead

THE Liberal Democrats fell two points and the Tories would double their support overnight if their candidates were seen as having a chance of winning, according to the latest Mori poll for The Times, which gives Labour a three-point lead over the Tories.

The first full opinion poll conducted since the election was called shows that Paddy Ashdown and his party could make a significant break-through because of the pub-lic's growing disillusion with the two major parties during the drawn-out phoney elec-

tion campaign.
The Mori survey gives Labour 41 per cent support, with cent. The Liberal Democrats were on 16 per cent with "others" on 5 per cent

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Labour has gained one point since the previous Mori poll, the Liberal Democrats

Clarke gets

ready for

big school

opt-out

By JOHN O'LEARY

A NEW bureaucracy is being planned to administer the

thousands of schools that the

Conservatives expect to opt out of local authority control if they win the election.

Kenneth Clarke, the educa-

tion secretary, said that he

expected most of the 4,000

secondary schools to opt out

during the next Parliament.

New arrangements would be

needed once the number of grant-maintained schools

Mr Clarke said that he

not a centralised version of a local education authority.

"This department will never.

under a Conservative govern-

ment, take on the day-to-day

running of schools," he said.

At present, 53 civil servants

are responsible for grant-maintained schools, out of

2.700 in the education de-

partment. Successive educa-

that opting out would not

require a large new bureau-cracy, although Labour has claimed that the present staff-

ing ratio suggests a staff of

9,000 if all schools became

Although only 200 out of 25,000 state schools have opted out, another 2,000 have asked for details. Mr

Clarke acknowledged that

some primary schools would

stay with councils, but said: "I

happily contemplate all sec-ondary schools opting out, although it may not happen

because, like a lot of our

reforms, it is driven from the

Jack Straw, Labour's edu-cation spokesman, said: "Mr

Clarke is replacing influence

by local electors by a stalinist-

style central administration."

Meanwhile, Labour pub-

lished its plans to return

grant-maintained schools to

councils or churches. Mr

Straw said he recognised that the schools feared discrimina-

tion when handed back, and

he promised legal protection. Local management of schools

would guarantee all schools

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autonomy, Mr Straw said.

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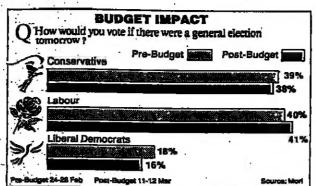
lost one point. All the changes are within the 3 per

cent margin of error for polis.
The Mori figures, repeated
on a uniform swing at the
general election, would result
in a hung parliament in
which Labour was just four seats short of an overall majority on 322 seats. The Tories would have 290 sears.

However, the shock finding of the survey is that when people were asked how they would vote if they thought the Liberal Democrats stood a chance of winning in their constituency the figures for party support were Labour 34 per cent, Liberal Democrats 33 per cent and Conservatives in third place on 30 per cent. The Conservatives would thus lose nine points and Labour seven points, while Mr Ashdown's party

gained 17 points.

The scope for tactical voting and for a Liberal Demo-



crat surge when people per-ceive who the main challenger is in their constituency is indicated by the fact that at the last election Alliance candidates finished second to the Conservatives in 228 seats. The first full opinion poll since the election was called after the Budget. It shows that the Chancellor's proposals neither excited the City nor provided the stimulus to the Conservative campaign that ministers were seeking.

In Mori's latest previous

poll, conducted from February 21-25, the standing of the cent, Conservatives 39 per cent, Liberal Democrats 18 and others 3, a Labour lead of one point. Labour led in seven of the ten most recent polls.

Conservative election strat-egists expressed little concern last night about Labour's continued lead. Ministers argue that it will take about ten days of campaigning before the full impact of the Budget will be reflected in poll results.

Full coverage and analysis of the

campaign 2-3 Parliament. Peter Riddell. Diary_ Leading article. Matthew Parris ... Sterling slips.... Market reports ...

Trading on the financial markets in London remained very shaky because of the City's uncertainty over the general election campaign. The pound closed 1.23 piennigs down at DM2.8593 and the FT-SE100 Index closed 29.1 points down at 2493.1. The FT government securities index also slipped 0.13 to close at 86.74.

However, a retail survey by the Confederation of British Industry did provide some comfort for the Conservatives. consecutive month sales in high street shops were show-

ing modest signs of recovery.

The highlight of the first full day of campaigning was the last Commons question time clash between Mr Major and Neil Kinnock. The Labprime minister to take part in a televised debate, but this traditional campaign request was countered by an equally ritual refusal.

Mr Major said: "It will be this party that leads the coun-try out of recession and sits on these benches after the general election. Every party politician that expects to lose tries that trick of debate and every politican who expects to win

Much of the rest of the day was spent by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat campaign leaders putting the finishing touches to their party manifestos while Labour held a press conference to present its policies. Mr Kinnock pre-

"It's time for Labour" campaign that his party would win an overall majority of 20 seats because the Tories had not "got it right after 13 years and never will".

The cabinet used their final meeting to polish their mani-festo, which will be published next week. Afterwards, Chris Patten, the party chairman, said: "It is a manifesto for the nineties to give Britain the best and make Britain the best. It is a manifesto for helping people to have a stake in Britain for themselves and

Senior Liberal Democrats said yesterday that their programme, to be published on Monday, will be "positive. rational and reforming" and that it would provide a "menu with prices". Last night, Alan Beith, the party's Treasury spokesman, promised that the party would raise the basic rate of income tax to 26p to pay for education reforms and improvements in schools.

Kisses and

Krishna at

kick-off

By Alan Hamilton

THERE are, perhaps, more

conventional places to kick off

an election campaign than at

the British headquarters of

the Hare Krishna movement

in a leafy Hertfordshire village. Still, Glenys Kinnock did follow campaign form in

at least one regard yesterday:

She also patted a sacred

Friesian cow, held her hand

in the flame of an altar lamp,

licked yoghurt from her

palm, accepted a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi and left

her shoes on the doorstep to

enter a temple in her stock-

Piggot's Manor, a large mock-Tudor mansion in the

Porsche-infested village of

Letchmore Heath, has been

known as Bhaktivedanta

Manor since 1973 when

George Harrison, the Beatle, bought it for the Hare Krish-

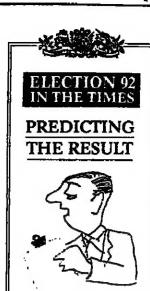
na sect as a residential centre.

For the past six years, the residents have been in dispute

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she kissed a baby.

their families.



The Times will be the only newspaper to carry polls of the electorate from Mori, which has an unequalled record in predicting general election results. Discover how the parties stand in the next poll on Wednesday

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LOVE, SEX AND DEATH



Valerie Grove interviews the wise, witty, and best-selling poet Wendy Cope Life & Times

Glenys Kinnock and Sruti Dhama, head priest, watching a bullock ploughing display at Bhaktivedanta Manor yesterday

Deng seeks 100-year economic policy

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

Tiananmen Square massacre a power struggle among China's Communist leadership burst into the open yesterday. Deng Xiaoping, aged 87, in a last attempt to shape his country's future, publicly at-

tacked hardliners for oppos-ing his economic reforms. Meetings of the inner party polithuro are hardly ever publicised, but in a rare bout of glasnost the People's Daily plastered a banner headline across its front page urging "one hundred years" of faster and more daring economic

growth.

The politburo decisions. taken at a meeting in secret on March 9 and 10, were couched in terms heavy in communist phraseology. To the Chinese, whose second language by necessity is party dialect, the message was clear. In perhaps its most

Just a little bread-fruit

and three million.

tons of minerals

FOR the first time since the daring initiative, the 15member politburo for the first time since 1989 launched an open campaign against hard-liners by deciding "it is neces-sary to guard against the right, but most important is to resist the left". In communist code, "the right" are advocates of Western-style capitalism, and "the left" are

> After the mass demonstrations of 1989, hardliners at-racked Mr Deng and his ten years of reform. Fearing a hardline takeover later this year at the five yearly commu-nist party congress, Mr Deng has launched a pre-emptive counter-attack by coming out of retirement to call for faster

reform.
Mr Deng's re-emergence
on the political stage has
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England qualify

England's cricketers quali-fied for the semi-finals of the World Cup with a dramatic three-wicket victory off the penultimate ball over South Africa in Melbourne. New Zealand maintained their winning

Winning form Cool Ground, a 25-1 outsider, beat the French chal-lenger The Fellow with Dockland Express third, in the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

British ban Neal Brunning, a British international shot-putter, faces a four-year ban after confessing to taking ste-

roids before the English indoor championships. He

is the first athlete to be

caught by drugs testing at

a British meeting. Page 40

Pitcairn islanders find new bounty under the sea

Deng's vain search, page 13

Maxwells' silence was contempt, say MPs

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Maxwell brothers were in contempt of Parliament for their persistent refusal to answer MPs' questions on their father's misuse of pension funds and should be brought before the House to explain their reasons, an all-party Commons committee said yesterday.

The social security select committee's report said that Ian and Kevin Maxwell were vital witnesses in the enquiry into the siphoning of over £400 million by Robert Maxwell from the Mirror Group Newspapers pension fund. "To have undertaken an enquiry but to have ignored the Maxwell brothers seemed to us the equivalent of suggesting to Shakespeare that he was mistaken to have included the prince in Hamlet," the

Frank Field, committee chairman, said that if the

report said.

present committee were re-turned after the general elec-tion it would demand to see the Maxwell brothers if the Serious Fraud Office decided not to press charges. If charges were brought the brothers would be called as witnesses after their trial, he said. Lawyers acting for the Maxwell brothers have argued that anything Ian and

Kevin Maxwell say could jeopardise a fair trial.

The interim paper on the brothers follows the committee's report on pension funds. which called for an overhaul of trust law. The committee started its enquiry into the running of pension funds well before the death of Robert

Ian and Kevin Maxwell, who were both trustees of the Continued on page 20, col 5

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BY NICK NUTTALL

AFTER two centuries of subsistence living with the sale of postage stamps virtually their only source of income. the descendants of the Bounty mutineers who settled on Pitcairn Island could soon all

be millionaires, at least on aper. British scientists mapping 200-mile economic "exclusion zone". The volcanoes, six of which-

the Pacific sea bed have discovered huge mineral depos-its formed by submarine volcanoes within the island's

have been pinpointed 50 miles southeast of Pitcairn. have deposits of manganese and iron encrusted on their surfaces. More importantly



for the 49 remaining islanders, the researchers believe that inside are huge deposits of copper, zinc and perhaps gold and silver.

The Bounty mutiny, which has inspired several books and films, was led by Fletcher Christian, who cast the supposedly brutal captain Bligh adrift in a longboat. Christian and eight supporters, together with a group of TaThey settled on the remote

rocky island, measuring only a mile by a mile and a half, some 3,500 miles east of New Zealand. The popula-tion reached a peak of 230 about 50 years ago, but has since dwindled to fewer than 50, and there have been fears that the island might have to be abandoned.

David Cronan, a marine geologist at Imperial College London and a member of the research team, said that more research was needed to establish the extent of the hydrothermal deposits but they could be "up to three million tons". Many were

hitian women, then sailed on for seven months in search of sanctuary from the Crown's vengeance.

near the water's surface. which would help extraction. The findings, details of which emerged at the Oceanology International '92 conference in Brighton, come from two ocean-mapping expeditions in 1988 and 1989

on board the RRS Charles search ship FS Sonne. The research is also helping to explain how the submarine volcanoes produce such big mineral deposits.

Quite how the islanders

might spend their new wealth is a matter for conjecture. They are strict Seventh Day Adventists and eschew most worldly pleasures, including drinking, smoking, dancing and reading anything other than the Bible.

Conservatives top poll as leaders, but confidence in policies declines

Conservatives to lose their overall majority in the election than believe John Major and his party will win outright, according to the latest Mori opinion poll for The Times. As the election campaign proper opens. Labour is seen as having marginally the best policies, but the To-

ries the best team of leaders. A Mori survey, conducted since the election was called. found 31 per cent who be-lieved that the Tories would come through on April 10 with an overall majority, compared to just 18 per cent who believed that Labour would win outright. But 20 per cent believed that the Conservatives would be merely the largest party, requiring Liberal Democrat support to per cent believed that Labour would be the largest party,

More people now expect the general election to end in a hung parliament. according to the latest opinion poll by Mori, Robin Oakley writes

dependent on minority party

A total of 49 per cent of those questioned believed that the election was unlikely to end with any party holding an overall majority while only 43 per cent believed it was likely to end with a single

party holding a majority. More bad news for the government is that Labour is seen, by a narrow margin, as having the best policies overall for the country. A third of had the best policies, to 32 per cent for the Conservatives and 13 per cent for the

But the Conservatives have a significant margin on leadership: 40 per cent of those questioned say that the Conservatives have the best team of leaders to 30 per cent for Labour and 8 per cent for the Liberal Democrats.

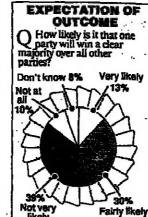
When respondents were asked which would make the most capable prime minister, 40 per cent named John Major, 27 per cent Neil Kinnock and 21 per cent Paddy Ashdown. Twice as many Labour supporters name Mr Major as Tories name Mr

Electors see the Conserva-

clearest policies. When respondents were asked which party was most clearly united about what its policies should be. 35 per cent named the Conservatives, 28 per cent the Labour party and 13 per cent the Liberal Democrats.

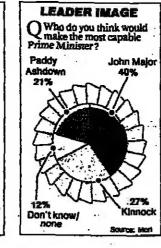
The issues of greatest concern to the electorate are health (46 per cent), education (34 per cent) and unemployment (27 per cent), all three issues on which Labour tends to benefit.

When people were asked which party had the best policies for dealing with the issues. Labour emerged with a 26-point lead over the Conservatives (50 per cent to 24 per cent) on health and with a 17 point lead (43 per cent to 26 per cent) on education. But the election is most likely to be determined on economic issues and the Conserva-



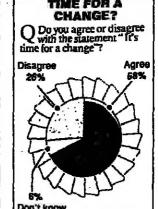
per cent to 29 per cent, a sixpoint margin despite the enduring recession.

Supporters of all three main parties are showing a nearly equal degree of commitment: 29 per cent of Lab-



our supporters say they are very interested in the election Conservatives are and so are 24 per cent of Liberal Demo-

Mori interviewed a repre-



sentative quota sample of 1,003 adults aged 18-plus at 50 constituency sampling points across Great Britain face-to-face on March 11

and 12. ☐ One in five farmers who

voted for the Tories in 1987 would defect to other parties. most to the Liberal Democrats, according to a poll by Mass Observation UK.

The poll suggests that seven marginal rural Tory seats could be lost to the Liberal Democrats or Welsh or Scottish nationalist parties. Disgruntled farmers could also destroy any chance the Tories might have of capturing eight narrowly held Liberal Democrat and Labour rural seats.

Sixty-three per cent of farmers would vote for the Tories compared with 83 per cent in 1987, according to the poll. The Liberal Democrats would get 26 per cent of the farming vote, double the party's 1987 share, and Labour would get 6 per cent, up from 1 per cent.

Major rejects call for debate on TV

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A FLAT rejection by John Major of calls for him to face a televised debate with Neil Kinnock and Paddy Ashdown set the tone for a rowdy final pre-election confrontation between the party leaders

Mr Major and Mr Kinnock were embroiled in an abusive personal clash, with Mr Major accusing his opp-osite number of verbosity and Mr Kinnock calling Mr Maior "frit" as their backbenchers, relieved to be heading for the campaign trail at last,

Mr Major, fully expecting the customary call for a tele-vision debate, is sticking to Margaret Thatcher's line that to appear on an equal footing with his two opponents could only serve to boost their status with the

Mr Kinnock, fully expecting to be refused, none the less accused Mr Major of a pathetic excuse when the prime minister said that only politicians who expected to lose demanded a debate, and everyone who expected to win

The two leaders had entered the arena to the prolonged cheering and waving of order papers from their MPs. Mr Kinnock told Mr Major that, since he became prime minister, 50,000 companies had gone out of busi-ness, 75.000 families had lost their homes and 800,000 people had lost their jobs. "Why won't you debate that record. Is it because you are ashamed of it or afraid of it?" MP for Brent East, had called

for a debate, saying the elec-tion would be won by the party that could best convince the electorate it could end the recession, reverse "the cata-strophic decline in invest-

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ment" and modernise industry. Those issues " . . . require the party leaders to meet and debate in television. And, given that the leaders of the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties are prepared to take part in that debate, will you simply tell us whether you are prepared to do so as well, or have you lost the confi-dence to defend your own economic record?

Mr Major said: "It will be this party that leads the country out of recession and sits on these benches after the generat election. Every party politician that expects to lose tries that trick of debate and every politician who expects to win Mr Major said that he and

Mr Ashdown would be lucky to get a word in edgeways because of the length of time it took Mr Kinnock to answer a question. Mr Kinnock then promised to give him plenty of time, and issued his chall-enge: "Join with me and Mr Ashdown and say to the broadcasting organisations: we have nothing to fear from the British people. Let's have a debate, let's fix the date, let's

get on with it!" " Mr Major said: "We have better than a debate. We have a general election at which the case can be taken to the people." Calling Shakespeare in aid, Mr Major told Mr



Curtain call: John Major at the dispatch box during his final prime minister's questions in this parliament

Kinnock: "He draweth out the thread of his verbosity finer than the staple of his argument." It was appropriately from Love's Labour's Lost, Mr Major declared to a delirious shout, "and Labour

Mr Kinnock chose a quotation from Mrs Thatcher, a Lincolnshire insult she once directed at Michael Foot. Mr Major was "frit", he declared to a thunderous Labour roar. Mr Major spent much of the

session attacking Labour's attitude to the new 20p tax band. "It's now official: Labour want to put up taxes not only for those on high incomes, but those on low in-comes as well."

Mr Ashdown said the reaction of the markets to the Budget had been "the worst fall since the Soviet coup". He told Mr Major. "If you will not tell us in a television debate, will you tell us now:

how is that you do not know what every businessman knows, that to borrow to invest is the route to success, but to borrow to spend is the road to ruin?" Mr Major resorted: There has been no party in history with as gotto a fiscal record as this one has — none in history. "And there is nothing in Mr Lamont's Budget that will not bring this Bud-

get back to balance. Harry Cohen, Labour MP for Leyton, asked: "If the

Budget is such a success, why haven't interest rates been cut immediately, instead of the Chancellor reserving his right to lower them during the general election when the polls are against him?" The prime minister replied that interest rates had been reduced by 4.5 percentage points in the past 16 months. "As and when it is right to do so, we will reduce them further."

Greens launch battle

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

THE Green party launched its campaign yesterday with a warning to Labour that it would not get a free ride in Tory marginals, as happened in some cases at the last election. Jean Lambert, one of the Greens' two main sneakers. attacked Labour's and the Tories' environmental records when she addressed the parry's conference at Brid-lington, North Yorkshire. The Greens are putting up

246 candidates, nearly dou-ble the number in 1987, many of them in Conservative no repeat of the reluctance by some local Green parties in against Labour candidates, Ms Lambert said. "We don't care about Labour any more; we care about our own

Ms Lambert, a teacher and parliamentary candidate for Walthamstow. northeast don, attacked the government's aid for the car industry in the Budget as "unbelievably stupid".

Clarke admits failing to win support for reforms

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS have failed to convince the public that their education reforms are necessary to raise standards in state schools. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has admitted. In an interview with The

Times, Mr Clarke said that the election campaign gave the Conservatives an opportu-nity to show that fundamental changes were needed to improve public services. "We must shake the British public out of its belief that every problem merely involves the expenditure of yet more public money, when many of them fail to appreciate the rate at which money is already being pumped into services like education."

Mr Clarke described education as a "major secondorder issue" in the election. Arguments about the economy were bound to dominate the campaign. He claimed to have won the political argument with Labour about the need for reform to raise standards, although the Conservatives trail consistently in polls on education. "Too

safe Conservative seat were

further muddled yesterday by the news that Rodney At-

kinson, aged 42. a business-

man, and brother of the

comedian Rowan Atkinson,

would decide next week

whether to contest the seat

on a pro-European, anti-fed-

eralist platform which could

was homosexual and

many of the public want to see The reforms took time to have higher standards and agree an impact, and remained with many of our changes. On the other hand, they combine that with not wanting the system to be shaken up, and believing that it will be okay if we put yet more money

do not think anyone could accuse me of being complacent," Mr Clarke said. More than any other secretary of state, I have been quite forthright about saying standards are not good enough."
The introduction of the nat-

ional curriculum, testing, opting out, better training and appraisal for teachers, independent inspection, and would all help bring standards up to the levels achieved in the best schools. "The real problem is the unacceptable disparity between the best and the worst." Labour blames the government for unsatisfactory standards. Mr Clarke said that until the 1988 Education Reform Act the dominant role of local authorities left ministers unan impact, and remained unfinished.

The Conservatives would ntinue to emphasise the benefits of a variety of schools. Selection at 11 would make only a modest return where parents favoured the grammar school system. Mr Clarke said that he had no ideological objections to selec-tion, although he did not fayour the 11-plus examina-

John Major's recent criticism of the comprehensive system had not indicated a wish to revive grammar schools. The prime minister's target had been the stifling of parental choice brought about by local authorities directing children to neigh-bourhood comprehensives.

A new Conservative administration would consider changing the powers of school governors in the light of the continuing dispute at Stratford school, east London. Mr Clarke said that the subject would be addressed when the present con-

agenda, police say

and order.

Barrie Clarke, for the federation, said that it had be maintained.

vice-chairman, said last night: "We are not making political points. After the defence of the realm, the first duty of government is the maintenance of the rule of law and there should be common ground between all the parties that law and order is not a political issue."

The Agenda says that many sections of society live in constant fear of crime and need

Peter Riddell, page 16 Put law on

THE Police Federation called last night for law and order to be put at the top of the political parties election agendas and published its own "mani-festo". The federation, which represents 125,000 officers in England and Wales, launching its Agenda for Policing, challenged the parties to say where they stood on law

launched its agenda to call public attention to the crisis facing law and order. The agenda calls for a public election debate on how order can Richard Coyles, federation

Sex pushes politics off the agenda in Hexham

DAY one of the election campaign proper found constitu-ents in the market town of Hexham, Northumberland, with no shortage of talking points although they might not have been those intended

by the political leaders. Nationally, party figures may be aiming at the econo-my, the health service and education: locally, the voters were still digesting the resignation of their Conservative MP. following a caution by police for an alleged indecent act when the Liberal Democrat candidate announced that he was "gay and proud

The political waters of

split the Tory vote. Alan Amos, who had a majority of 8,066 over the Liberals in 1987, announced on Monday evening that he was resigning after he was cau-tioned by police for an al-leged incident of indecency with another man on Hampstead Heath. He denied he

what had been regarded as a described the incident as

BY PETER DAVENPORT "childish and stupid". Yes-terday Jonathan Wallace, the Liberal Democrat candidate regarded as the most serious threat to the Conservatives, nunced that he was "gay and proud of it". The university graduate,

aged 28, who is now studying for a PhD in historical writing, said: "I don't want to hide behind lies and smutty innuendo. I would rather be up front and admit publicly that I am gay, than try and

con the electors.
"I don't want to hide behind a fictious lifestyle then to have people claim later that they have been conned." Mr Wallace has been the Liberal Democrat candidate are conterned the issue is

for the seat for three years. He has lived with his partner David for six years.

He said: "I want a clean

campaign in Hexham and that's why I have decided to be totally honest about my Joan Smith, a Liberal

Democrat spokeswoman in the constituency, said, how-ever, that the decision was influenced by Mr Wallace being approached by report-ers from a Sunday newspaper and questioned about his sexuality. They were fol-lowing up the story on Mr Amos and asked Mr Wallace if he was gay. He replied: "Yes - so what?" So far as we

now over and we carry on the campaign as normal and we reckon we have a very good chance of winning."
Mr Wallace said he felt

"some sympathy" for Mr Amos but described the Hampstead Heath incident as a "stupid indiscretion that has ruined his career and his

Ian Swithenbank, the Labour candidate and leader of Northumberland county council, szid: "Any candidate's personal life is their own affair."

Conservative officials in Hexham said they hoped to have a new candidate in place by the end of next

Chelsea fan made top aide

THE prime minister yesterat Chelsea's Stamford Bridge football ground as his political secretary (Nicholas Wood writes). Jonathan Hill, aged 31, moves from the Downing Street policy unit to one of the most important and influen-tial posts in Whitehall.

During the election cam-paign Mr Hill will be constantly at John Major's side, advising him on the cam-paign, polishing his speeches and keeping in regular touch with the Conservative high command in London. He will have the task of

ensuring that Mr Major's three-week tour of the country runs smoothly and of shield-ing his boss from the stresses and strains of the campaign. Assuming the Tories win one of the first to cross the Downing Street threshold in the new administration. His 'peacetime" duties will include briefing Mr Major for Commons questions, speech-writing and liaising with central office and the

parliamentary party.

Mr Hill's first encounter with the future prime minis-ter-came when he was a Clarke at trade and industry. Although they met at a foot-ball match, his passion for athletic endeavour would not run to naming the Oval as his

desert Island hunury. A graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, he worked in the City and publishing before joining the Conservative research department in the mid-Eighties. He replaces Judith Chaplin, the Tory can-didate at Newbury.

His appointment came as little surprise to Tory insiders. Nicholas True, a possible contender, has made his mark at Downing Street as Mr Major's chief speechwriter and could hardly be moved now. Other possibles such as Tim Collins, the Tories' Westminster-based press officer, and David Cameron, who will brief the prime minister before his election press conferences, are also otherwise engaged.

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Browne stands as independent

John Browne, MP for Winchester, is to stand against the Tories at the election as an independent, he confirmed yesterday. The Conservative MP was deselected after the Commons ruled that he had not declared a private interest. He denies the charge.

Conservative leaders are concerned that Mr Browne will split the Tory vote and stop Gerry Malone, their official candidate, winning the seat, thus letting in Tony Barron, the Liberal Democrat candidate.

SNP policy

The Scottish National Party yesterday issued its policy on voting reform in the event of an independent partiament. It would allow for 133 constituency members each elected by the alternative vote method. Professor Neil Mac-Cormick, the nationalists home affairs spokesman, said that the system would ensure a direct relationship between seats and votes.

Stirling effort

Stirling, home of Scottish monarchs between the 12th century and the union of the English and Scottish crowns in 1603, has placed its bid to become the home of the Scottish parliament, if and

when a parliament is created. Fun campaign

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Labour hints at deal in hung parliament

By Robin Oakley, political editor.

ROY Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, appeared to hint yesterday at his party's willingness to consider a deal with other parties in a hung parliament

He told a news conference to launch the "It's time for Labour" campaign: "We are all dependent on each other. the second was been a second to the second t Prosperity can only be built on partnership. The future of this country depends on co-operation, not confiss." But when Neil Kinnock was asked if that represented a hint of readiness to form a coalition if Labour emerged as the largest single party but without an overall majority he did not answer directly. He

said: "We shall have a work-

THE Conservative election

manifesto is 25,000 words

long and "packed with new ideas", Chris Patten, party

It contains twice as many

promises as the programme

on which Margaret Thatcher faught the 1987 election.

two hours discussing the doc-

ument that will be unveiled to

a fanfare of publicity next

week. They were presented, with glossy advance proofs and made last-minute

changes ahead of Wednes-

day's launch to be led by the

prime minister and attended

by most of the cabinet. The

manifesto is half as long

again as the 1987 pro-

gramme and, predictably

13 years in power the Conser-

vatives had not run out of steam. He described the manifesto, which he had drafted with Sarah Hogg, head of the Downing Street policy unit, as "a good manifesto, which he had drafted with Sarah Hogg, head of the Downing Street policy unit, as "a good manifesto, a disjournment of the street of th

festo, a visionary manifesto,

with bags of new ideas.
"Unlike believers in social-

ism, we are not representa-

tives of a philosophy that

clapped out right across the world;" he said.

moves to deliver the prime minister's promise of a society

founded on choice, opportu-nity, ownership and responsi-

spread of personal contracts and direct negotiations between workers and emp-

loyers.
The manifesto is expected

to include as key items:

Mr Patten said that after

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The cabinet yesterday spent.

chairman, said yesterday.

Patten promises

'ideas' manifesto

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

programme.

Speaking largely about industrial development, Mr Kinnock, in conciliatory mood, said: We have a country sick and tired of the government's contempt for consensus. We offer consensus, partnership and

onsultation."
But when he was asked if he saw any prospect of the introduction of proportional repre-sentation before the end of the next parliament. Mr Kinnock said: "I think it would be highly unlikely." The Liberal Democrats are

☐ New tax breaks to encour-

age wider share ownership and personal savings.

☐ An easing or phasing out

☐ The promise of a basic rate

Opening up more local authority services to competitive

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ing majority" and added that insisting that their minimum he would welcome the sup-price for any coalition deal is port of other parties in push-ing through Labour's tion of proportional represen-programme. Labour has already conced-

ed PR for its proposed Scottish assembly. Mr Kinnock said yesterday that the party's inquiry into electoral systems, chaired by Professor Raymond Plant, would be given added status by reporting to Eabour in government. The British public, he said, was interested in getting the infor-mation and analysing all the possibilities on electoral At the Labour launch, at-

tended by people from the show business, legal and medical worlds, Mr Kinnock predicted that Labour would have an overall majority of 20. Asked about the mountain that Labour had to climb in achieving a record swing of 8 per cent since the last electien to win power, Mr Kinnock said: "I've got a very good climbing team. We've travelled a large part of the distance up the mountain already on the basis of the polls

going into the election.
"We have achieved a swing at the outset greater than that of any opposition in post war history". Later he said that the swing already achieved was 7 per cent, which he called "an enormously advantageous position from which to begin an election

Campaign".

Mr Kinnock said that the electorate would be choosing between Labour as the party of recovery and renewal and the Conservatives as the party of repeated recession and high unemployment.
The Conservatives "main-

tain a system of government which is intensely centralised, secretive and careless of individual rights". That was why Labour would introduce reforms including a freedom of information act, "democratic devolution" and annual elections in every council area. ☐ Mr Kinnock sent Labour MPs into the election battle

with a a confident prediction of victory and a declaration that the Budget had failed (Philip Webster writes). The Labour leader was cheered loudly when he told this parliament's final meet-

public services.

I An end to the Royal Mail's ing of the parliamentary Lab-our party that Labour had the best policies, the best team A reduction in the two-year limit on waiting times for hospital operations.

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they can buy, possibly includ-ing maternity services. was the campaigning party. "Our victories in the local relations. This was a reference to plans published in a government white paper last month to encourage the stroke. elections, the European elections and the by-elections show that we are the party best suited to this election campaign." He said the Budget had clearly failed. The government had set out to bribe and had failed to give ing on the city challenge pro-gramme for tackling run-down housing estates. ☐ Translation of objectives "even a competent bribe". for improving the environ-

Leading article, page 17



Reaching for power. Neil Kinnock and members of his shadow cabinet launching Labour's election campaign in London yesterday

Lib Dems commit themselves to 1p tax rise

a difference to our children's rather than unemployment chances and our nation's benefit.

THE Liberal Democrats pledged last night to put 1p on the basic rate of income tax, taking it to 26p, to fund improvements in schools and the education system.

Alan Beith, the party's Treasury spokesman, made the commitment during the party's political broadcast. Previously he and Paddy Achden had always acid Ashdown had always said that they would do so only "if

Senior party sources said that their surveys found strong support for a modest income tax increase in exchange for a detailed, costed programme of school improvements. "We are going to need that penny to build up the education system to the point where it can really make

cut now, he said. Money invested in public services and school buildings, hospitals, railways and houses would create jobs and so pay wages

must be done."

SNP aims for 40%

By KERRY GILL

of vote

ALEX Salmond, the Scottish National Party leader, yesterday set his followers a target of achieving 40 per cent of the vote in the election and told them that the eyes of the world were upon Scotland.

Undeterred by the howl of a North Sea snowstorm, he launched the party's electoral campaign in the fishing village of Macduff, Grampian, at the heart of his own constituency, Banff and Buchan, on the prospers of the party of the the northeast coast. "There is a huge international interest in what is happening here. This election belongs to Scot-land," Mr Salmond said, be-fore moving on to the weekly farmers' mart at Cornhill.

Mr Salmond, starting the Scottish election campaign, said: They used to say the nationalist cause was sentimental but it is now possible to be a nationalist in your head as well as your heart. We have hit the ground running with our highest level of sup-port. We think we can change

places with Labour." To do so the nationalists will have to win 40 per cent of the votes. Mr Salmond said that, with support for his par-

trising, he was confident of reaching the target.

Foreign media organisations have been delighted at the added spice given to the election by the Scottish constitutional issue. Mr. Salmond stitutional issue; Mr Salmond has just completed three interviews for American television channels.

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent basis of any negotiations after energy in the wake of the

chances to pay our way." Mr Beith said yesterday. His pledge came as senior party sources disclosed that "We've said all along that Mr Ashdown would insist on a commitment to introduce it's the one investment for the Liberal Democrats' antiwhich we'd be prepared to put a penny on income tax. What the Budget has revealed is that the cupboard is bare. pollution measures as part of his terms for a deal with the Conservatives or Labour in a The chancellor has not left us hung parliament. He could the money to do the job, but it also require a pledge from a minority government to abide by European Commu-Mr Beith also committed

the party to reversing the chancellor's new tax band of nity directives for improving the quality of the 20p in the pound for the first environment. In the party's manifesto, the Liberal Democrats will £2,000 of taxable income. Britain could not afford a tax list their priorities, covering a package of environmental, economic and education measures, plus constitutional reforms, which will form the

the general election. The final programme. described by one senior

source as "positive, rational and reforming", will be Isunched on Monday. The manifesto will be a menu with prices", party advisers said yesterday, with all the programmes fully costed. The "green" priorities set out as part of any deal are expected to focus on litter,

filthy streets and air and water pollution. The party's private polling has shown strong support for more green Mr Ashdown has criticised

the Conservatives and Labour recently for taking the environment off their agendas, in contrast to their short burst of Green party's increased vote in the 1989 elections to the European Parliament. With the inclusion of the environment among its top priorities. the Liberal Democrats are anxious to promote the party as the only one dedicated to radical policies to cut pollu-Mr Ashdown, still recover

ing from the effects of laryngitis, embarks on his "action man" campaign today with three press conferences within seven hours in London. Edinburgh and Cardiff. He will challenge John Major and Neil Kinnock to answer a range of questions on their policies on Europe, education, the environment and

Names to light up a campaign



Walter: from Men's

A GAGGLE of celebrities attended the launch of the Labour party's election campaign yesterday, promising to bring a glamorous touch to the party's bid for power.

Actors, known for their general allegiance to the Labour party, were represented by Antony Sher, Colin Wel-land and Harriet Walter, who starred in The Men's Room. A strong showing from the legal world in the shape of Anthony Scrivener, QC, former chairman of the Bar Council, and Helena Kennedy, QC, added weight to the celebrity support.

Room to the campaign

By Alison Roberts

Described by Neil Kinnock as "dear friends", they join a posse of comedians and athletes who will lend their names to the campaign. Jack

Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, said that the American-style campaigning was legitimate. "I think it clearly adds to our appeal. If we have famous faces from the bar or the stage, that clearly is an influ-

ence in the debate."

The Tories refuse to unveil their line-up until later. Ian Botham was billed as a Tory supporter by one tabloid paper yesterday morning, but his solicitor denied the story last night. Bob Monkhouse, June Whitfield and Nigel Havers have all endorsed the Tories in the past. The Lib Dems are more

serious. They prefer to keep all eyes on the leader.

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Viewers fail to spot any TV 'bias'

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT.

POLITICIANS may be convinced that "biased" broadcasters are out to get them, but voters remain sceptical was pro-Labour. The proportion of viewers detect no political bias on the BBC, independent television or Channel 4, a survey by the Independent Television Commission has found.

Despite a constant barrage of complaints from the Conservatives about BBC news coverage, more viewers allege pro-Toxy bias on RRC1 and the channels, BBC1 is still regarded as the most politically biased, with 29 per cent of respondents claiming that it favoured a political per cent claiming that it favoured a political viewers and 2 per cent claiming that it is output was pro-Toxy. The commission, which surveyed its output was pro-Toxy. The commission, which surveyed labour the commission, which surveyed labour the toxical was pro-Labour. The proportion of viewers believing BBC2 was politically also found that Labour supporters to perceive all programme types including drama, as fair and unbiased. The survey found that 27 per cent of declared Toxy voters thought all television news was discriminatory, compared with 19 per cent of declared to support the commission, which surveyed labour. The proportion of viewers last November, also found that Labour supporters to perceive all programme types including drama, as fair and unbiased. The survey found that 27 per cent of declared Toxy voters thought 19 per cent of declared the channels of the commission, which surveyed labour. The proportion of viewers last November, also found that Labour supporters to perceive all programme types including drama, as fair and unbiased. The survey found that 27 per cent of declared Toxy voters thought 19 per cent of declared Toxy voters thought 20 per cent of declared Toxy voters thought 20 per

television or Channel 4, a survey by the Independent Television Commission has found.

Despite a constant barrage of complaints from the Conservatives about BBC news coverage, more viewers allege pro-Tory bias on BBC1 and BBC2 than they do Labour leanings. 18 per cent claim that BBC1 favours the Conservatives. 10 per cent say they detect pro-Labour bias.

But pressure from Labour might well have had an effect since the commission's previous Attitudes to Television survey in 1990, when 22

12 per cent to 11 per cent, with the number alleging bias towards Labour continued in per cent to 10 per cent. Of all the channels, BBC1 is still regarded as the most politically biased, with 29 per cent of respondents claiming that it favoured a political party, down from 31 per cent in 1990. Independent television was again seen as the least biased in 1991, with the than Tory supporters to perceive all programme types, including drama, as fair and unbiased. The survey found that 27 per cent of declared Tory voters thought all television news was discriminatory, compared with 19 per cent of declared Labour voters. Fifteen per cent of Labour supporters to perceive all programme types, including drama, as fair and unbiased. The survey found that 27 per cent of declared Tory voters thought all television news was discriminatory, compared with 19 per cent of declared Tory voters thought all television news was discriminatory, compared with 19 per cent of declared Tory voters thought all television news was discriminatory, compared with 19 per cent of declared Tory voters thought all television news was discriminatory, compared with 19 per cent of declared Labour voters. Fifteen per cent of Labour supporters to perceive all programme types including drama, as fair and unbiased. The survey found that 27 per cent of declared labour voters. Fifteen per cent of Tories thought drama was biased as devenly split between Conservatives and Labour voters. Fifteen per cent of Labour supporters to perceive all programme types in cluding drama

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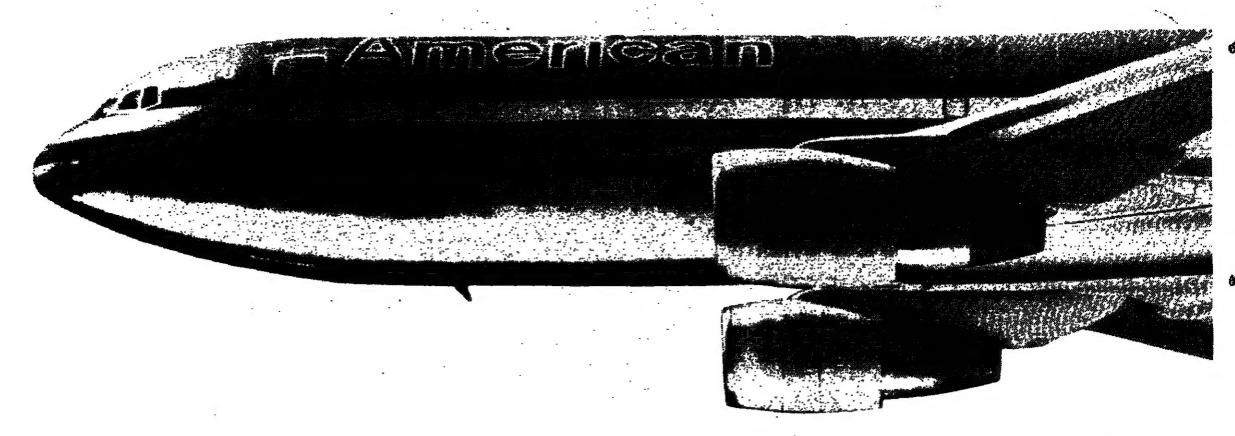
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Police say Down's syndrome woman was murdered

By CRAIG SETON

THE remains of a body found in woodland in Dorset are almost certainly those of Jo Ramsden, a. 21-year-old woman with Down's syndrome who disappeared 11 months ago, police said yes-terday. She is believed to have been murdered.

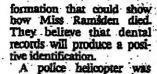
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Dorset police said that, although no positive identification had been made of bones found near a village about 12 miles from Miss Ramsden's home in Bridoort, a multicoloured tracksuit discovered at the scene was believed to be the same as one she was wearing when she disap-

peared last April.

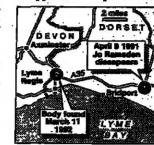
A Liverpool football bag of the type that Miss Ramsden was carrying was also found near the remains. The body was discovered by two workmen in an almost inaccessible area of marshland in woods close to the village of Ray-mond's Hill, near Lyme Regis, on border of Dorset and Devon.

A post-mortem examination was carried out yesterday and police were awaiting in-



used yesterday to take photo-graphs of the scene while police forensic scientists and other officers searched the area. Detectives believe that the person who dumped the body must have known the

Det Chief Supt Des Donohoe, the head of Dorset CID, said at the scene yester-day that it was possible that the body had been in the wood since Miss Ramsden disappeared on April 9 after



BBC rape scene was too early

The first episode of Melvyn Bragg's drama A Time To Dance on BBC1, featuring a rape scene, has been criticised for inappropriate sched-uling by the Broadcasting Standards Council (Melinda Vittstock writes).

The council, while rejecting complaints from 32 viewers about sexual explicitness throughout the three-part Sunday night serial, upheld complaints that the rape scene was transmitted too close to the 9pm family viewing watershed.

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"It was unrealistic of the BBC to consider that suffi-cient time had been allowed for many parents to send their children out of the

Guildford case police for trial

Three Surrey detectives involved in questioning the Guildford Four were yester-day sent for trial at the Cent-ral Criminal Court, accused of conspiracy. Thomas Style, a former detective chief inspector, John Donaldson, a former detective sergeant, and Detective Constable Vernon Atwell were given bail by

Bow Street magistrates. They are accused of conspiring to pervert the course of justice between December 1974, and October 23 1975, with notes said to be made in interviews with Patrick Armstrong.

Rape charge

Thomas Courtney, aged 45, a Harley Street gynaecologist from Cricklewood, north London, was remanded in custody by Mariborough Street magistrates, central London, charged with raping a woman in his surgery.

Man survives

Police believe that a strong wind may have cushioned the 40ft fall of John Halliday. aged 55, from a multi-storey car park in Bradford, Wes Yorkshire, yesterday. Mr Halliday, of Bradford, survived with multiple fractures.

Murder charge A man aged 20 was last night charged with the murder of Manzula Amlani, aged 43.

killed after she got off a train

at Bagshot, Surrey, on her

way home from work

Scots beat English at maths

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA EDUCATION REPORTER

PRIMARY school pupils in Scotland beat their English counterparts in mathemati-cal ability, according to a survey of 20 countries.

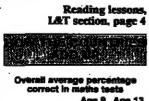
The study, involving pupils aged nine and 13, found that in multiple choice and short answer mathematical questions, Scottish nine-year-olds answered 66 per cent correctly, surpassing pupils in England on 59 per cent and the United States on 58 per cent. Only 30 per cent of English nine-year-olds could give the decimal equivalent of 9/10, compared with 39 per cent in Scotland. Seventy-one per cent of nine-year-olds in Scotland could multiply 7 by 9,

but only 52 per cent in England could.

Jim Martin, general secretary of the Educational Institute of Scotland, said that mathematics was thriving in Scottish primary schools, with an "holistic" approach to the curriculum in which pupils learned principles

from real situations. Among 13-year-olds, Eng-lish and Scottish pupils both achieved an average of 61 per cent correct answers.

However, the survey, issued by the National Foundation for Educational Research, puts England and Scotland behind other countries. Korea led in mathematics overall, with a 75 per cent average score for pupils aged nine and 73 per cent for those aged 13.



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them to come forward.

Miss Ramsden's parents,

leaving an adult training centre in Bridport. He said

he believed that either a

friend or relative of the person

responsible knew what they

had done and he appealed for

Richard and Angela Ramsden, who have an older son, never gave up hope that their daughter might be found alive. The people of Bridport rallied to their sup-port when Miss Ramsden disappeared and helped to raise a £15,000 reward for infor-mation about the case.

The couple, who are in their 60s, own a glass and china shop in Bridport, a seaside town in Dorset. They kept their daughter's bedroom as it was when she disappeared, in the hope that she would

Miss Ramsden's uncle, Stanley Ramsden, aged 68, said yesterday: "There is a feeling of relief that the suffering is over for Jo and for us. Richard rang me straight away. He was obviously very upset, but I am sure that at the back of his mind he was thinking. Thank God, at last. We have been suspend-ed in limbo for so long. At least we know now that she is

not suffering."

After Miss Ramsden disappeared, police appealed for information about a young man wearing a brightly parterned jumper with who she had been seen crossing a road in Bridport on the day she vanished. A witness told police that a person answering her description had been seen in the passenger seat of a black, Seat hatchback car

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because his funding is being stopped by the Home Office.

Doctor Zakariah Erzinclioglu, aged 40, a zoo-logist, was telephoned by Dorset police when Miss Ramsden's body was found. "I could not take it on because my funding is being terminated in the summer," he

deaths by studying insects in their bodies has turned down

work on the Jo Ramsden case



Press accused of ignoring case

JO RAMSDEN'S disappearance last April was largely ignored by the national press and media. The initial lack of interest was in stark contrast to the nationwide publicity given to the story of Rachel McLean, an Oxford University student who vanished a week later.

Miss Ramsden's parents believed that their 21-yearold daughter's plight proved unattractive as a national news story because she had Down's syndrome, the most common form of mental disability. They and others sus-pected that the story of Miss McLean, aged 19, a lively, modern and pretty undergraduate who was found strangled more than two weeks after she disappeared from her Oxford lodgings, made better reading. The different treatment of

the similar stories led Lord Rix, the chairman of Mencap and the father of a daughter with Down's syndrome, to accuse the media of sustaining the notion of a two-fier society. He wrote at the time isations, including The

The lack of coverage of Miss Ramsden's plight prompted Mencap to complain of a two-tier society, **Craig Seton** writes

the disappearance of Miss McLean had rightly prompted sympathy and concern, the plight of "missing, vulnerable, frightened Jo Ramsden, with Down's syndrome, is known to few people outside her home region'

Mencap, he said, asked for "nothing more than a fair and reasonable even-handedness. If the media will not support us in an issue so fundamental, just how do people with a mental handicap find a voice?" Lord Rix said yesterday: "I

have a horrible feeling that the press is still much more interested in glamorous, shock-horror stories than ones which are purely human interest only. I hope I am wrong."
Weeks after she disap-



Parents' ordeal: Angela and Richard Ramsden, before the discovery of their daughter's body

Bridport, Dorset, Miss Ramsden's case featured on BBC's Crimewatch programme, but failed to produce a clue. The broadcast came after Lord Rix presented a petition to the BBC asking for the story to be given a slot on the main

national news. Richard Ramsden, aged 64, her father, said at the time that he was disappointed rather than angry that his daughter's disappearance had not made national head-

sponse of people in Bridport is anything to go by, people are interested." Steve Billington, Mencap's director of marketing and ap-peals, said yesterday that

local news organisations had given good publicity to the case. He said: "We felt the attitude and response of the national press reinforced a two-tier society. I very much hope that our campaign, in conjunction with the local campaign in Bridport, has raised some important issues

BR issues ultimatum on tunnel station

BY MICHAEL DYNES

BRITISH Rail has told the government that it is not prepared to waste any more money developing plans to tional station at Ashford in Kent until construction of the new multi-million pound project has been authorised.

In a letter to Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secre-tary. Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman, has backed plans to build the new station alongside the existing station. Sir Bob is understood, however, to have told Mr Riskind that he is not prepared to spend another penny on the scheme until the government gives BR the authority to proceed with the project.

Sir Bob's stand follows last year's flasco in which BR spent about £6 million developing plans to build the new station, only to have them turned down. BR had origi-nally planned to begin work last March on a £140 million station at Ashlord for international passengers using the Channel tunnel. But the government finally rejected the scheme in November because of the high cost, and asked BR to come up with cheaper

In an attempt to embarrass the government into taking action, Eurotunnel unveiled plans to build a station with pre-fabricated huts near Ashford at an estimated cost of £4 million, so that people in Kent and Sussex using the tunnel would not have to travel into London first. But BR insisted that the Eurotunnel scheme was impractical.

The Central Ashford option, which is estimated to cost about £80 million to build, is a scaled-down version of the original Ashford international station, and could be completed within two years, BR said.

The uncertainly and delays in building rail and road links for the tunnel were criticised yesterday by a Commons enquiry.

A patchy network of pas-senger and freight terminals, and delays in ordering new trains, are predicted in a report by the Tory-dominated transport committee on preparations for the tunnel's

MPs want check on police who go sick

By Stewart Tendler, Crime correspondent

MPs want more stringent medical checks on police officers who may escape disci-plinary action by retiring

The MPs said, in a report published yesterday, that the Home Office should set up a new panel, including two in-dependent specialists, which would automatically review any applications for medical retirement by officers facing disciplinary charges and any cases where officers claimed they were unfit to attend a hearing.

The report, produced by the Commons select committee on home affairs, follows a series of cases in recent years where officers facing disciplinary tribunals have been allowed to retire. The practice was criticised several years ago when Detective Superintendent Tony Lundy, a Scot-land Yard officer surrounded by controversy, retired on grounds of mental ill-health. Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield, the man in charge during the Hillsbotough disaster, was allowed to resign last year on health grounds rather than face a tribunal. Charges were

command because it was un-

report the committee high-

lighted the Hillsborough case as one example where the knowledge that there was independent medical advice would have eased the anger of relatives of those who died.

The report said the Home Office saw the issue as a matter of personnel management but the committee felt that "the damage these cases can inflict upon the public image of the police service raises the issue to a higher plane". According to the Home Office, ten officers re-tired in 1990 on health grounds out of a total of 32 retirements pending Much of the committee's

hearings centred on calls last year by the Police Complaints Authority for changes in the complaints system. The report wants cases dealt with speedily along the lines of a statement of intent set out by the police, the Home Office, the DPP and the inspectorate of constabulary. It suggests that complainants should be told the results of hearings and recommends that forces and the complaints authority should make special efforts to gain the trust or support of the homosexual community.

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THE British Library is to spend half a million pounds in an attempt to prevent its National Sound Archive, in-cluding the voices of Browning, Tolstoy, Bernhardt and Hitler, from falling into disuse. The archive, which

costs £1.2 million a year to maintain, is used by as few as 35 people a week. The library intends to create a computer catalogue of the 900,000 discs and 70,000 hours of tape held in the archive. Recordings may eventually be re-recorded and offered for sale. Terminals linked to a data base may be installed away from the archive's South Kensington home, and at least one is planned for the library's reading room in the new St Pancras building due to open next year.

Crispin Jewitt, deputy director of

the archive, said that it was in danger of becoming the nation's forgotten memory. The main problem is the lack of any catalogue coverage, so that the collections are very difficult to get access to," he said. "Consequently, they are a badly under-used resource." Material is held on every variety of

recording medium from wax cylinders to digital audio tape, and includes treasures such as the broadcast of Benjamin Britten conducting Mozart's Requiem, performances by the National Theatre, steam locomotives, chattering chaffinches and the inimitable noise of the Tottenham Hotspur football crowd. "We know what we've got," Mr Jewitt said, "but it's not always easy to put our hands on it. We need to make the archive much more

accessible and better known." The archive obtains about 85 per cent of all commercial recordings

made, and has an arrangement with the BBC to preserve important broadcasts not held in the corporation's own archives. It also makes many of its own recordings. Record publishers are co-operative, but the library is likely to press the government to put recordings on the same basis as publications, of which a copy is required by law to be deposited with the British Library.

The catalogue, which will take two to

three years to complete, is being created by Touche Ross management consultants. David Best, a partner with the company, said that the system would have details of the content, location and format of all material held, and the recordings themselves could eventually be linked to the system so that users would be able to punch up sounds through the data base and hear them through earphones.

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Non-payment adds £14 on average to poll tax bill

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

COMMUNITY charge bills in England will be £279.34 on average from April 1, an increase of 11 per cent, almost three times the rate of inflation, according to the most complete survey of poll tax figures yet published.

The Times guide to the community charge in Eng-land and Wales, compiled with the journal of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, also found that surcharges imposed to make up for those who have not paid will aver-

In Wales, bills will be £149.59 a head on average, a rise of 24.1 per cent while separate figures for Scotland show that bills there will rise by 20.6 per cent to an average of £298.02.

Surcharges imposed to cover losses caused by those who fail to pay or make late payments range from £124 in the Labour-controlled London borough of Islington to nothing in many rural areas and most of Wales. The surcharge appears on poll tax bills as "other adjustments" and averages £28 in London, £32 in the metropolitan areas, £12 in shire areas and 40p in Wales.

In some cases the figure will be a credit rather than a the land. debit, shown in the accompanying table as a minus figure. In most cases this reflects good housekeeping by coun-cils but the largest of the kind. a £146 credit in the City of London, is due to special grant treatment because it

has only 4,000 residents. Labour-controlled Lambeth, which on Wednesday set the highest poll tax in England at £449, has yet to set its surcharge. The figure is expected to be near the £158 levied this year. Its budget is £4.4 million above the capping limit but Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, said yesterday that no decision on capping would be taken until after the general election. About 20 councils are at risk of being capped this year.

Labour-run Hackney has set a surcharge of £118. Liver-pool £106 and Wirral £67. In shire areas the highest figures have been set by Labour councils in Leicester (£63). Brighton (£52) and Plymouth

(E45)In terms of overall poil tax bills. Liverpool will have the second highest charge in England at £400, up 19.9 per cent, while Islington will levy £381, up 1.2 per cent and Camden, will charge £374, a

rise of 24.8 per cent. The average increase in England has been boosted by large uses in the South East. particularly Kent where higher spending by the Conservative county council has

inflated bills. Rochester council, which

last year set the third lowest charge in England, has raised its poll tax by 92.2 per cent to £98 solely to pass on an increased precept by the county. The district council itself levied no charge.

Other large percentage independent-run Teesdale in County Durham where the increase will be 42.2 per cent and Conservative-controlled Hove, up by 37.1 per cent.

The only council which has not yet set its community charge is Labour-controlled Scunthorpe on Humberside where an announcement will

be made today.

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, said the survey findings showed that Labour's predictions of a poll tax average close to £300 were "wrong in every detail."

"They have huffed and puffed and still they have lailed to blow the average up to the £300 figure for which they were hoping," he said.
"Their emphasis on percentage rises could not be more misleading. Labour likes to boast about a 5 per cent rise in Lambeth in the hope that no one will notice that it produces a community charge of £449, the highest in

Labour will seek today to move the poll tax up the general election agenda by publishing figures showing that Labour councils have increased poll tax bills by less than Tory and Liberal Demo-

David Blunkett, the party's local government spokesman, said last night that analysis showed that while bills in Conservative and Liberal Democrat areas would rise by an average of 13 per cent, Labour's would go up by 11.9 per cent.

He said: "There is no way the government can escape the blame for the continued existence of the poll tax or the financial hardship it is inflicting on millions of people."

The figures in the accompanying table have been com-piled on the same basis as that used by government stat-isticians. In shire areas the poll tax figure shown is the average charge per head for each district taking into ac-

count parish council levies. The column headed payment surcharge" shows the figure that will appear on bills under the heading "other adjustments" which includes poli tax and business rate arrears and interest on borrowing to cover losses.

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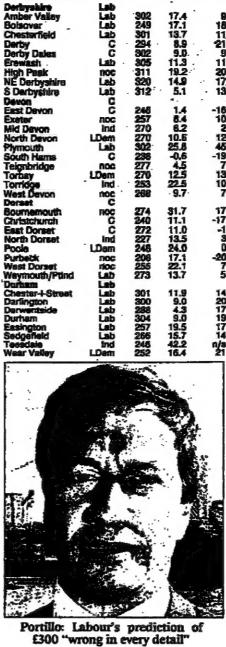
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JOHN Tusa, managing di-rector of the BBC World Ser-vice, is to leave when his contract expires at the end of

Mr Tusa, passed over jast year for consideration as the BBC's next director-general, said yesterday that he had not asked for his six-and-a-half year contract to be re-newed. He admitted publicly for the first time that he had wanted the director-general post, but denied that his decision to leave was linked with the appointment of John Birt to succeed Michael

Checkland in the job. "Of course I would have liked to have done it," he said. "But now it is very much water under the bridge I don't lose any sleep

Mr Tusa denied that he had clashed with Mr Birt or the board of governors. "My decision has nothing whatsoever to do with it. There have been no disagreements, no rows," he said.

Speculation about disagreements between Mr Tusa and Mr Birt began last July when Mr Tusa unexpectedly cancelled his keynote lecture at the Edinburgh television festival pleading "pressures at work" just three days after the board of governors had announced Mr Birt's appointment. Mr Tusa had been asked to discass the future shape of British television and the BBC's role, but several sources said

Mr Birt's. Mr Tusa told The Times yesterday: "It was never a case of them offering me an extension and me saying 'No', or them not offering me an extension and me asking. Why not?. It has always been clear on the occasions I have discussed it with Mike [Checkland] that I expected to go at the end of my contract. Six years is long enough in one building. After

The former Newsnight pre-senter plans to go back to presenting and making programmes. "I'm back on the freelance market. I haven't spoken to anyone yet, but I suppose I'd better. I have to earn some money," he said. Mr Tusa, who has spent

six years, you just begin de-fending your own status

much of his energies launching World Service Television in the past year, said that he would like to stay involved in its development, although not as an executive. "I would like to keep in touch with it, and I think I could without looming over my successor," he said.

Mr Tusa, aged 56, began his career at what was then known as the External Services. He won the Royal Television Society's journalist of the year award in 1983 and Bafta's Richard Dimbleby award in 1986.

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Cleaner homes may be cause of rise in child leukaemia

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS are to examine whether cleaner homes associated with rising living standards are responsible for the increase in leukaemia among children. The investigation will be part of the world's biggest study of the causes of

childhood cancer. The five year study, which begins next month, will gather information on 4,000 children with cancer and on a similar number of healthy children. The £6 million study, organised by the UK Co-ordinating Committee on Cancer Research, which represents the main cancer charities, will test five hypotheses which have linked childhood cancer with virus infections, radiation, chemicals, electromagnetic fields or occupational exposure of the father to these shortly before

Professor Sir Richard Doll, emeritus professor of epidemiology at Oxford University, said that the virus theory was "the most exciting

hypothesis we have to test. It could go a long way to explain a high proportion of child-

The incidence of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, the commonest type in childhood, increased ten-fold between the 1920s and the 1950s in the West but remains lower in developing countries. "The suggestion is that improved social conditions created a situation in which the immune system develops in an unsatisfactory

way," Professor Doll said. Professor Mel Greaves, director of the Leukaemia Research Fund Centre, said that less crowded housing and more hygienic living conditions meant that the common infections that children used to catch in the first months of life were often delayed until they started school. Later exposure could provoke an abnormal response of the immune system. The risk of leukaemia increases with rising living standards," he said.

Professor Greaves said that leukaemia in cats, cattle and birds was caused by viruses. One in 600 children in Britain under the age of 15 gets cancer, about 1,000 new

• A study of 70 parients at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, has found that psychological therapy for people with cancer improves their fighting spirit and helps to reduce anxiety, feelings of helplessness and fatalism, according to a report in the British Medical Journal. Patients treated over eight weeks showed a significant benefit that was still evident four months later.

• The rate of oesophageal cancer among men over the past 30 years has risen by 60 per cent in England and Wales, an increase exceeded only by Hungary and Spain. a letter in the same journal

> Health L&T section, page 5





Home free the former hostages John McCarthy, Terry Waite and Brian Keenan, above, after receiving the insignia of the CBE from the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday for their "courage and fortitude". Also honoured was Gary Lineker, the Tottenham Hotspur player and England soccer captain

pictured left, with his wife Michelle — who was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to the game.

Afterwards Mr Lineker said that the Queen had enquired after his five-month-old son George, who was admitted to Great Ormond

Street Hospital, central London, last November, suffering from myeloid leukaemia. He has been undergoing chemotherapy. Mr Lineker said that his son was doing all right at present.

After the ceremony. Mr Waite, aged 52, agreed that it was a long way from the squalor of his cell in the Lebanon to the splendour of the ballroom of Buckingham Palace. He said it was like coming home: the palace represented "the heart of England". "Today is a great day and I hope all those people who have shared in our sufferings can celebrate in some way with us."

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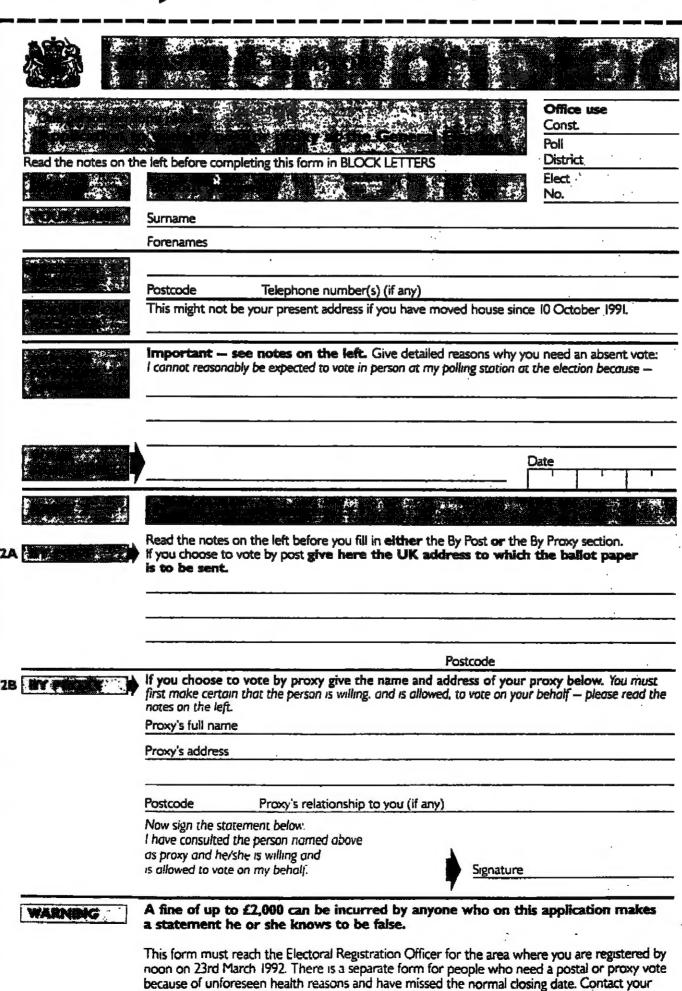
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Kasparov dices with disaster

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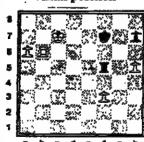
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THE world chess champion, Gary Kasparov, dismayed his supporters in the penultimate round of the international chess tournament in Linares, Spain, by failing to capitalise against the Russian grandmaster Valery Salov.

Kasparov outplayed Salov to reach an easily winning position, but, in the endgame, pursued the chimera of win-ning a distant pawn. Salov developed fierce counterplay and Kasparov was lucky to escape with half a point.

With Kasparov's lead cut to one point, and just today's round left, the Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman, who beat the Spaniard Miguel Illescas, could rise to share first place. The Britons Jon Speelman and Nigel Short both drew as Black against powerful Russians.

Round 12: Ivanchuk drew with Short, Timman beat Hilescas, Beliavsky lost to Karpov, Bareev drew with Anand, Gelfand drew with Speelman, and Kasparov drew with Salov. The Ljubojevic and Yusupov game was adiourned.

Timman v Illescas: final position



Police win libel damages

Three senior London police officers accused by the Eve-ning Standard of bungling a drugs raid in which an officer

drugs raid in which an officer was shot won an apology and "substantial libel damages" in the High Court yesterday.

Chief Supt Peter Hampson, Supt David Jarvis and Det Chief Inspector Roy Daisley led a raid on crack dealers in west London, last year. There were several arrests and a quantity of drugs rests and a quantity of drugs was seized. But, during the operation, an officer was shot

and seriously wounded.

The newspaper did not name the three men, but said that senior officers were facing a police enquiry. Scotland Yard said that every aspect of

Actor on bail

Freddie Bartman, aged 68, a former actor accused of mur-dering Lady Cross, aged 74. at an antiques shop in Pimli-co, south London, was freed on E70,000 bail by Horse-ferry Road magistrates' court.

Poll tax prizes St Edmundsbury council, Suffolk, is offering a prize draw of holidays, food vouchers and cash to people who pay their poll tax by May 22.

Lundy hosts

Nigel Walker and Linzi Takagi, of Ilfracombe, Devon, have been chosen to run the Marisco Tavern, the only pub on Lundy in the Bristol Channel.

Little and large Nicola Carr. aged 31, of Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, has given birth to a son weighing 15 alb.

BBC lays on night for all seasons

BY PETER BARNARD

The March winds do blow/ And we shall have Snow THE above is one of the most entrenched of British weather truisms, dating back to the earliest days of that happy television conjunction, the spring election campaign and the Peter Snow graphic. But those who wake up on April 10 to find that the clearing of the electoral sky has left them feeling bereft have less than a month to wait for more snow (but no Snow), plus rain, sleet, hail, fog. ice, Vivaldi and Bogart.

BBC2 has decreed that Saturday May 9 shall be the night of the long forecast. A whole evening of pro-grammes is being devoted to the alleged British obsession with the weather, starting at 8.40pm with a search ("from Bangor to Brazil") for the best weather forecaster in the world and ending in the early hours of Sunday with one of two movies: either Key Largo. which the BBC describes as being "a fog-bound classic", starting Humphrey Bogart, or The Thing, "a cult sci-si-film about the thawing out of a monster".

These options are offered because the weather extravaganza, in keeping with the weather itself, is "subject to alteration", although not. presumably, weather permiting. The certainties are that the BBC's television forecasters, Ian MacCaskill, Michael

Fish, Suzanne Charlion, Bill Giles and John Kettley, will host the evening from the "weather studio" and that between programmes there will be a "sunny interval", incorporating the best and funniest moments from the weather archive.

This being BBC2, we are also in for education and art. A programme called Wea-ther Proof will explain cold fronts and their ilk, as well as finding out why forecasters sometimes get it wrong.
An's place in the sun con-

sists of Peter Greenaway's film Act of God, which is about people who have been struck by lightning. The film is described as "at once hilarious and sobering". As for music, we have Paul Gambuccini on the weather as a recurrent musical theme, raising the dread prospect of Nigel Kennedy playing The Four Seasons yet again.
And there is documentary:

40 Minutes asking if the October storm of 1987 and the stock market crash in the same month were in some way connected. Just before either the fog-

bound classic or the thawedout monster, BBC 2 is showing The Winds of Time, a "revisionist history" by Terry Jones, the former Python, on the role of the weather in British military campaigns.

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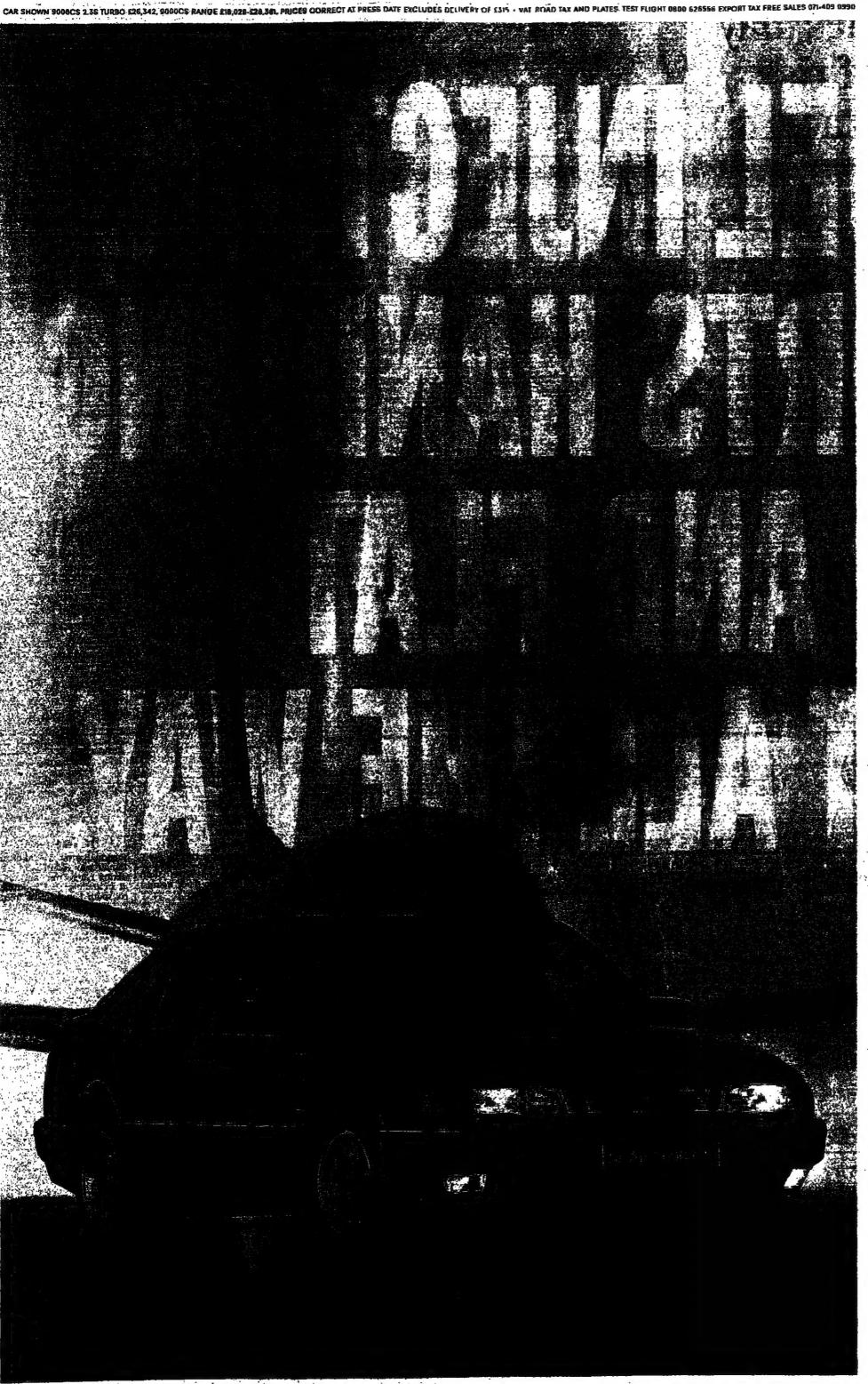
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Tories hail Budget for election victory

By JOHN WINDER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Budget had set the Conservatives on course for an election victory. Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said in the Commons yesterday.

Speaking on the third day of the Budget debate, he said that it would increase incentives. encourage entermise

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tives, encourage enterprise and help employment to grow. "It is a Budget for industry; a Budget for enterprise and and a Budget for

prise and and a Budget for plied that they had put in place the framework to encourage job reation.

But Gordon Brown, shadow trade and industry secretary, attacked Mr Howard for making a 30-minute speech. making a 30-minute speech without mentioning unemployment. "We would be more impressed by the [Tory] claim to be the party of the poor and low paid if they had not created so many of them";

Mr Howard said that the Budget would help to accelerate the end of the recession and advance the progress of steady and sustained recovery. The framework for recovery was already in place, with low taxes, low inflation, and lower interest rates, down four-and-a-half points on the figure of 18 months ago. "We have created the conditions in which enterprise can thrive and jobs can be created, as they were during most of the

The measures to assist small firms were particularly important. The proposals to help small firms were particularly significant and would encourage the creation of more small firms and encour-

age existing ones to grow. He complained that Labour would not own up to the form their promised tax on wealth would take or the levels at which it would bite. "Instead of encouraging the owners of independent busi-



Brown: investment in economy "is vitai"

sses, Labour would clobber them; instead of removing the obstacles facing small firms, Labour would increase them; instead of motivating people vho want to leave somethin to their family. Labour would punish them.

Labour still had not the faintest idea how a free enterprise economy worked. They remained in thrall to economic illiteracy and he offered to ensure that Labour's economic spokesmen were offered training places on a programme to teach them the basic principles of how free enterprise worked.

The most economically illit-

erate Labour policy was the proposed national minimum vage. Every independent ex-ert had agreed that it would ncrease unemployment. Their proposal to increase the minimum wage would lead to even higher unemployment

MINISTERS will seek to em-

barrass Labour by provoking two Commons votes in the

final hours of this Parliament

on the Budget's proposal for a new income tax band of 20p.

In addition to last night's

ote on the new, lower, rate for the first £2,000 of taxable

income, the organisation of

today's debates on the 11-

clause Finance bill enacting the Budget has made room

for a further vote. The deci-

sion was taken by the govern-

ment's business managers to

underline Tory commitment

The Commons meets at

9.30 this morning for a mar-

athon session to push through the Finance bill be-

fore the House rises on Mon-day. The time taken for

discussion of each clause will be limited by guillotine.

tween the parties in both Houses has also resolved the

fate of the remaining bills.
Time limits on debates will be

imposed today on the final

stages of the Education (Schools) bill and the Further

and Higher Education (Scotland) bill.

Government sources con-

Behind the scenes, talks be-

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manufacturing investment, said that Britain had slipped from heing the second worst in Europe to being "incontestably action", with investment of only a tenth that of layer.

He attacked the govern-ments education record in

which seven million children

were being taught in schools

in serious need of repair. "It is

a scandal which the Conser-

vatives cannot defend. It is not educational policy; it is educational neglect."

Moving on to the health

service, he said the country

did not went the situation in

which an opt-out hospital could turn away a patient

who did not have enough

money. Against shours of pro-

test from Conservative MPs,

he said: They will listen to what is happening in the NHS and the reason they

need to be told is because they

Ending his speech, Mr Brown said that the govern-

ment had brought the coun-

try abject economic failure. Government ministers had

put thousands out of business

and out of their homes and

millions out of jobs. Now was

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tion to the minimum wage, but suggested that unemployment would rise as a result of the Budget. Mr Howard re-

to help by wantonly increasing unemployment. The minimum wage makes minimum sense."

He said that Robin Cook Labour's health spokenian, had probably been denied a chance to speak in the Budget debate because of his admission that the minimum wage would cost the National Health Service £500 million without improving patient

He predicted that after the Conservatives had won the election, Labour would have another policy review, discover that it was wrong about the minimum minimum that the conservation of the minimum wage, the inheritance tax and in opposing the 20p band of income tax.

The basis of the Labour

party's appeal was simple: "Aren't you lucky you did not vote for us last time? That you did not elect a Labour government in 1987?" Labour now believed in

nothing, while the Conservatives believed in free enter prise and would be returned to government to preside over a free enterprise economy that would bring greater prosperity to the people, greater resources for public services and greater help for those in need.

ears ago there was a Budget for jobs, since when a million jobs had been lost; last year was a Budget for business and 50,000 businesses were lost. Now the country had a Budget to save the Conservative party, which would also lose. We would be more impressed by the claim to be the party of the poor and low paid if they had not created so many of them."

Challenged by Norman Lamont to say whether Labrow, or both, Mr Brown responded: "What we are saying is that a tax cut is wrong because we should be investing in the economy." The Budget was a complete void because it incked vision and

In some parts of the coun-In some parts of the country, 100 people were applying for a single job, representing the "real national lottery" with odds of 100-1 and gesting longer. "Unless you tackle unemployment and tackle the fear of unemployment, you cannot have a swift recov-ery." People would hesitate to save, spend or move house, whether they were shopfloor workers or managers.

He called on Mr Lamont to deny that 400,000 jobs would be lost in the next year, as had been predicted by industrial organisations. Mr Howard responded by saying that the only question was which policy would create jobs and that Labour's minimum wage plan would destroy jobs in the

Mr Brown, turning to

firmed last night that because of opposition from some Tory, Independent, Liberal

Democrat and Labour peers

and bishops, the Asylum bill would be lost this session. The

bill, streamlining the vetting

procedures for asylum seek-ers, had a tough ride through

the Commons and was criti-

cised on all sides of the Lords

at second reading. The Con-servatives are committed to

re-introducing the legislation

The talks have saved the

Charities bill, modernising

the scrutiny and regulation of

charities, which started in the

Lords but made little progress

in the Commons. All parties

have agreed to finish work on the legislation on Monday.

The Transport and Works bill, to speed the procedures

for approving large road, rail

and development schemes, is

expected to be passed on Monday despite having little scrutiny in the Lords. Although Liberal Democrat

sources said yesterday that they disliked rushing through

legislation without proper ex-

amination, agreement has been reached to shorten its

if they win the election.

Ministers put their

guillotine to work

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs salute Speaker tailor-made for lead role

BY ROBERT MORGAN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF



G lowing tributes to the Speaker were paid by party leaders and senior MPs after Bernard Weatherill made a valedio incarnation had not tainted him. Mr Major said.

Mr Major recalled that a previous colleague in the whips office had once said tory statement yesterday marking the end of nine years in one of Westminster's most difficult jobs. All spoke of his fairness and kindness while trying to keep MPs in order and they also expressed their grati-tude to Mrs Weatherill for

her hospitality.
She became the first "Mrs
Speaker" to occupy the
Speaker's House at the Commons for 20 years when Mr Weatherill was elected to the Chair in 1983. He was first elected as a Conservative for Croydon North East in 1964. He is a tailor by profession and ways carries a silver thimble in his pocket.

John Major said they were coming to the end of a momentous parliament which would see the depar-ture of many distinguished parliamentarians, including the Speaker.

Mr Weatherill had when to turn a blind eye and when to come down on a sedentary remark from 50 yards. He had shown impar-tiality despite his long and honourable service in the

that he had never seen Mr

Weatherill get angry or lose his temper. "I think that even after eight years I can say the same."

It had been Mr Weatherill's privilege and sometimes his penance to preside over the first televised proceedings. As a re-sult he had become a star, if not of stage, of screen.

Neil Kinnock said that he and other MPs would al-ways cherish the personal friendship Mr Weatherill had shown. Although ther might he other Speakers might be other Speakers who would be good tennis players or gollers, as Mr Weatherill was, it was unlikely that there would ever be another who could also run up a suit for a poorly dad MP.

He said that Mr Weatherill known as Jack to his friends, was "Jack of many trades and master of all that really matter".

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, thanked Mr Weatherill for ensuring that minority par-ties and independent MPs were always heard, a sentiment echoed by James

ster Unionists, who said that Mr Weatherill's recent visit to the province had

been greatly appreciated.

Margaret Ewing, parliamentary leader of the Scot-tish Nationalists invited Mr Weatherill to visit Scotland to advise them on how to run their parliament when it was set up.

Mr Weatherill had earlier thanked all members for their kindness and consideration. He said that in most members' eyes a good Speaker was one who called you to speak today and a bad Speaker was one who did not. A very bad Speaker did not call you today or

The House unanimously carried a motion stating: "This House tenders its warmest thanks to Bernard Weatherill for the skill and distinction with which he has maintained the traditions of the Speakership through momentous changes in the practices of the House; thanks him for the genial and wise exercise of his authority; records its ap-preciation of his fairness and tolerance in dealing with all members; and unites in wishing him a long and happy retirment upon

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Ageing Deng looks vainly for a trusted successor

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

CHINA'S elder statesman. Deng Xiaoping, aged 87, has again proved himself to be a survivor, emerging from reclusion and retirement to bring the politbure to heel in the face of attacks from hardliners who yearn for a

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return to the days of maoism. His latest victory in bring-ing about a polithuro decision which endorses his reform policies for the next 100 years is, however, not the end of the story. It is likely that those years will not pass without

Legal aid blocked in Dili trial

PROM ADAM KELLIYER

THE first of 13 men accused of provoking a mass killing by the army last November in East Timor went on trial yesterday without legal protection, in moves by Jakarta to wrap up the bloody incident in which up to 180 people were reported dead.

Proceedings began in the East Timor capital of Dili a day after Indonesian warships barred a Portuguese ferry carrying peace activists hopeful they could lay a wreath at the scene.

Indonesian reporters con-tacted by telephone said a lawyer assigned by the Indo-nesian Legal Aid Foundation to defend the accused, Franciso Miranda Branco, had not been allowed to enter the Dili court because he lacked a permit. The government says Mr Branco and seven other East Timorese organised the demonstration on November 12 which by their account ended with 50 people dead after protesters calling for independence had turned on the seldiers. Other witnesses claim there was no provocaattending the funeral of a young activist and that the

about 180 people.

Legal aid officials said they were having difficulties getting access to their 13 clients. They alleged the authorities were pressuring the accused's families to cancel requests for outside help.

interference and obstruction from diehard dogmatists and their successors. It seems like ly that on his deathbed Mar Deng will be fighting for his vision of a modern and prosperous, if totalitarian, China. But in one area Mr Deng has failed completely. The than ever. Mr Deng's great weakness has been his choice of men groomed to follow in his footsteps. He had hoped for a quiet life in retirement. He had advocated that power be transferred into the hands of younger men and had sur rendered all his official posts That Mr Dengthas now had to appear publicly to put his message across suggests that there is nobody he can trust to

nist party general secretary and the man who Mr Deng had chosen to be his spokesman, has failed him. After the army crushed the pro-democracy demonstrations of 1989, Mr Deng promoted Mr Jiang from party secretary in Shanghai to lead the party and army. Everyone now agrees it was a mistake. Mr Jiang does not have the bearing of a leader and is widely derided. Worse, he continued to side with hardliners, a traitor to Mr Deng's reformist cause. Now Mr Jiang, along with the rest of the politburo, has failen into line with Mr Deng. But his failure to come to the statesman's aid earlier

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will weigh against him.

If Mr Jiang were to leave office soon, nobody is in line for the job, which is seen as the most dangerous in China. Mr Deng may find himself growing increasingly fail, looking around desperately for a young champion.



Deng: fighting for his view of modern China

Indian painters race to serve Bollywood

PROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

thousands of artists with six-inch brushes and buckets of oil paint work feverishly to produce giant hoard-ings that adorn every cinema in the country. The deadline for everyone is Thursday, ready for the traditional changeover of films on Fridays.

"Sometimes you get only one or two days to do a painting," says Mohan Singh, a hoarding artist in Delhi for 15 years. "There is no creative satisfaction when you slap paint on that fast. The end result is nothing to be proud of."

Most hoardings are 40ft by 10ft. Painting them is still much cheaper than printing, despite the soaring cost of materials. Artists create their own designs, inevitably involving the faces of the stars. The themes are always love or violence; the former is depicted discreetly, the latter with abandon. Blooded heroes protecting big-eyed women are by far the most popular designs.

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Mr Singh works outside in a yard with ten other painters, who chaik out the designs before slapping on the background in bold colours. Only the faces are done with any degree of caution, to ensure that they vaguely resemble the stars. The film distributors provide an outline of what the film is about, and it is left to the artists to try to sell the

product. "Romantic films have slowly started making a comeback," Mr Singh said. "I am pleased about that You get fed up painting guns and people getting shot. I enjoy doing love

Every week in India, scenes, but of course you mustn't be explicit. There must not be any kissing, for example. Violent films are still the most popular.

He is employed at a hoarding-painting firm owned by Chetan Jain, who says his artists have complete freedom to make up their own designs. "Hoarding artists can make or break a film. They are a crucial part of the industry. The problem for everyone is that they have to work ex-tremely fast. A full-size hoarding normally takes four or five days, but there are times when it has to be completed in a day. Only one artist can work on a hoarding at a time. You can't put two people on the same picture because their styles are different."

Smaller hoardings — 20ft by 10ft — are distributed by cycle rickshaws and erected as advertising billboards. The big ones are sent on bullock carts to be put up outside cinemas. Their size means they create a good deal of traffic chaos. The artists paint either on plywood, which is later reused, or on to cloth stretched across a frame. which is destroyed once the film is out of date.

There are eight cinema hoarding studios in Delhi, each racing against a constant deadline to keep up with the torrent of films coming out of Bombay, which is known in the film trade as Bollywood. "We take promising young painters and train them for a few years," Mr Jain said.
"We look for natural talent as well as the ability to work at speed. It is a God-given gift."



Circle game: a worker bundles up Hula-Hoops at one of six Peking factories making 10,000 hoops every day

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Thatcher takes the sensible approach

visit to the island by Margaret Thatcher was Friday, March 13. They asked her if she wanted to change the date but, said Par Lambshead, the local Conservative association agent: "She told us she wasn't superstitious and hoped we weren't either."

Barnardo's is benefiting from the generosity of one of its former boys. Bruce Oldfield, the fashion designer, has given a some of his latest designs to be sold in two of their shops in Frinton and Colchester. Dresses worth £1,675 are selling for £150.

Michael Crawford is return-ing to Britain in June to star in a seven week national tour of "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber". It will be his first live performance here since he left for New York to

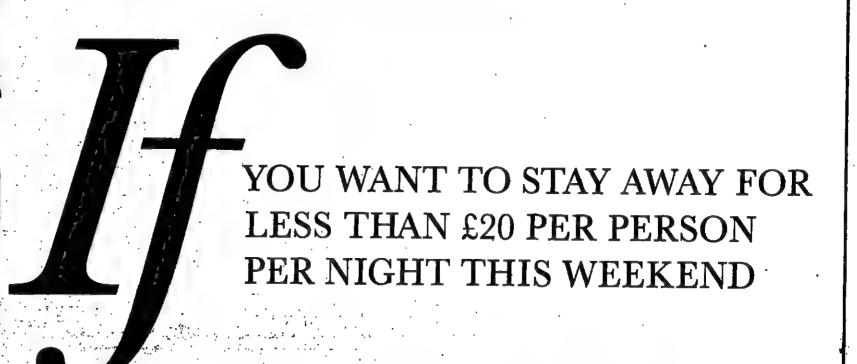
star in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera in 1987. Alto saxophone player Lee Konitz, aged 65, has won the

Superstitious Tories on the Isle of Wight suddenly noticed that the date for today's in Copenhagen. He is the tional Jazzpar Prize this week in Copenhagen. He is the third American to win it since the festival was created in 1989 by the Danish Jazz

A nursing society, the Sigma Theta Tau International, is to honour actress Andrey Hepburn, aged 62, next month for promoting children's health around the world as goodwill ambassador for the United Nations children's organisation, Unicef.

Next week's British tour by trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, aged 74, has been cancelled after he became ill and was taken to hospital in New Jersey, where he underwent sur-

Somall-born top model, Iman, the wife of British rock star David Bowie, is to play in a Danish-British film based on the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, The Shadow, directed by Jon Bang Carisen, which will be shot in



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UN heads for showdown with Iraq on nuclear arms

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

bid to convince the United Nations Security Council that it was ready to comply with UN resolutions and should be rewarded with a relaxation of

Addressing the 15-nation council for a second day, Tariq Aziz. Iraq's deputy prime minister, maintained a hard line - offering only to start talks on key UN de-

Israelis deny sale of Patriot

FROM JAMUE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

THE Bush administration is investigating intelligence re-ports that Israel has sold an American-supplied Patriot missile to China from the stock it was given by Wash-

ington during the Gulf war. The White House has asked the Israeli government directly about the claimed sale but has received only denials, and is now consider ing sending a team to Israel to count the Patriots still deplayed there.

According to a report in the Washington Times, US officials are concerned that China could use an Israeli-supplied Patriot to develop counter-measures, rendering the Pa-triot system ineffective against Chinese ballistic

Last night the office of Yizzhak Shamir, the prime minister, denied that Israel had sold a Patriot missile or its technology to China. "Such talk is completely and totally groundless and base-less," Ehud Gol, a spokesman for Mr Shamir, said.

Israeli denials have not satisfied US senators or congressmen, who called on the Bush administration to investigate. Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate armed services committee, said the allegations were wor-rying. The Patriot system proved successful in the Gulf war in intercepting Iraqi Scud missiles fired at Israel

and Saudi Arabia. China's defence industry. considered to be one of the best at taking a foreign-made missile and building its own version, has become one of the world's biggest arms sup-pliers to the Third World.

IRAQ failed yesterday in its mands. As a result, the UN now seems to be heading for what could be its most serious showdown with Iraq since the end of the Gulf war.

After hearing Mr Aziz, the security council agreed on a statement repeating that Traq had not yet complied fully and unconditionally" with the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire and "must immediately take the appropriate actions in this regard".

Thomas Pickering, the

American ambassador, said: "We are once again in a car-and-mouse game ... There is every willingness to discuss at great length, but no willing-ness to accept the need for compliance, much less to begin the actions to comply." Britain and the United States appear to have decided to make the destruction of Iraq's main nuclear weapons' facility at Al Atheer a test case of Iraqi compliance with UN

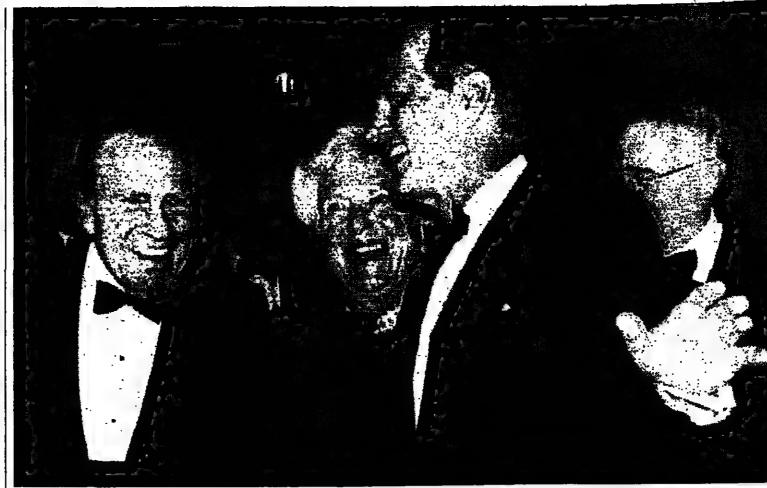
The International Atomic Energy Agency has told Iraq that UN inspectors will soon try to dismantle Al Atheer. Western diplomats suggest the installation would make an appropriate allied bombing target if Iraq refuses to co-

America is also considering seeking a new UN resolution seizing Iraqi assets already frozen abroad. Britain and France plan to ask the UN to appoint a special representative to focus attention on Baghdad's maltreatment of its Kurdish and Shie Muslim

Mr Aziz answered point-by-point a list of complaints de-livered by the council pres-ident on Wednesdey. On the key demands of the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and the long-term monitoring of its defence industries, he simply offered to enter into technical talks which would lead to a relaxation of sanctions.

He also refused to make a UN-approved oil sale to pay for relief supplies, again objecting to the requirement that part of the money be diverted to pay war compen-sation and to finance the elimination of Iraq's weapons however, that Iraq was ready to resume talks on a new oil

He expressed no willingness to lift the present economic blockade of the Kurda in northern Iraq and he called a UN resolution criticising their mistreatment a "blatant interference" in Irao's internal affairs.



Happy hour: former President Nixon shares a joke with George and Barbara Bush at a black-tie dinner. Mr Nixon has criticised the president for his half-hearted support for the democratic reforms in the former Soviet Union but said there was no rift between them

Cheques scandal puts Democrats on defensive

UNITED States congress men were scheduled to vote today on how many of their own political careers to

Yesterday the 296 members who bounced thousands of cheques at the private House of Representatives bank before it was closed last autumn were known only by account numbers. By tonight many, conceivably all, of those members will face public unmasking.
"Rubbergate" not only involved substantial sums. To

an aiready disgusted public the abuse epitomised the privileged, self-serving lifestyle of a Capitol Hill elite that was perceived to be letting the rest of the country rot. A poil this week showed public approval of Congress at 22 per cent, the lowest ever. To be named as an offender would be tantamount to electoral execution in November's elections. No taxpayers' money was involved, but perceptions are everything. Newt Gingrich, the Republican whip, believes that up to 65 congressmen

could lose their seats. The Democrats' 33-year control of the House could be loosened. President Bush, who is blaming Congress for America's domestic woes, could re-ceive a big re-election fillip. Guy Vander Jagt, the Republican congressional campaigns chairman, has written to all Republican congressional candidates urging them to exploit fully the scandal.

panic on Capitol Hill since the House ethics committee reported on the scandal late last week. Congressmen have begged party leaders to limit

Capitol Hill's elite fears public disgrace and loss of jobs since the House made its report on the "Rubbergate" affair, Martin Fletcher writes in Washington

discussed early retirement. Jack Russ, the sergeant-atarms responsible for the bank, is known to have cashed bad cheques worth \$56,000 (about £32,450) and his claim to have been robbed and shot through the law while walking his dog last week is being questioned. No suspects have been found.

The committee investigated the 66 worst offenders in the 39 months ending last October, when the magnirude of the abuse first came to light, and found they had bounced about 20,000 cheques worth nearly \$11 million. A congressmen earns \$129,500 a year.

To preserve impartiality the bipartisan committee had the offenders' names kept secret even from itself, and recommended the naming of those 24 past and present members whose overdrafts exceeded their next month's salary in eight of the 39 months.

That proposal was em-braced by Tom Foley, the House Speaker, who has admitted to bouncing a cheque to buy stereo equip-ment, but the Republicans. want all 296 cheque-bouncers to be named. They calculate that many more Democrats than Republicans wil be on the list as they have a 102 majority, that several leading Democrats will be implicated, and that their

own best chance of recapturing the House is to bring it crashing down

First-term Republicans, with nothing to fear, first called for full disclosure, arguing that the committe criterion excluded some of the worst offenders. One wrote 119 bad cheques worth \$215,000, another 800 worth \$166,000.

They won over their party leaders, who had been worried that "Rubbergate" would be more of an issue in Republican suburbs. Mr Bush has added his voice to those de-

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manding that all transgressors be named, and the White House is said to be privately delighted by the Democrats' discomfort. Rank-and-file Democrats now find themselves in an impossible situation, knowing that to vote against full disclosure would look like a cover-up. They also know that, how

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ever they vote, their oppo-nents will challenge them to

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make their bank records public this November. The committee said written statements would be made available to any member who asked for one.

The bank occupied an or-nate room in the same first-

floor Capitol corridor as the House restaurant, where members were last year found to have run up nearly \$700,000 in unpaid debts. At the House post office nearby four cashiers have recently been charged with purloining \$35,000, and another reportedly sold customers cocaine. On the corridor's wall appears the inscription: This government, offspring of our choice, uninfluenced and unawed, has a just claim to your confidence and support."

> Mr Daley's passion is the building of a new Chicago airport — an ambition which all politicians trapped by Super Tuesday's power failure at the current O'Hare complex would happily endown It fresh see and finandorse. If fresh sex and financial allegations were to hit Mr Clinton later — as predicted by the rival Paul Tsongas campaign yesterday — the mayor might take off his hard hat for a few days and use his father's old ticket to the smoke-filled rooms. Until then Mayor Daley is

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Tribes clash in Kenya

FROM SAM KILEY DN NAHEDRY

KENYA'S nascent democracy was threatened by violent conflict yesterday after tribal warfare in the west of the country left 30 people dead. Both the government and opposition parties accused each other of forming private armies to foment long-standing tribal feuds.

Kalenjin and Luo tribes-men armed with spears and bows and arrows have turned much of the district boundaries between Kericho and Kisumu into no-go areas. Territorial disputes between the two tribes blew up into open violent conflict at the end of last year. But this week the confrontations spread to the idvilic lakeside town of Kisumu, on the shores of Lake Victoria, where two Luo demonstrators were shot dead by police on Wednesday.

Yesterday paramilitary police of the general service unit were accused of unleashing a "reign of terror" in Kisumu.

According to a local resi-dent: "The local security council warned all the schools to stay closed today and then the GSU went on the rampage. They have been driving around the town shooting indiscriminately, causing scores of injuries."

President Moi, an unwilling convert to multi-party democracy in Kenya, has often warned that pluralism will increase tribal tensions and result in anarchy since he allowed the introduction of opposition parties. But the opposition allege the president is provoking the unrest.

Exiles vote to back de Klerk reforms

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JUBANNESBURG

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SOUTH Africans abroad have begun voting in their country's referendum on constitutional reforms, and the initial trend is firmly in favour of President de Klerk's initiatives for multi-racial Rovernment.

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From Chile to Madagascar, 63 special polling stations have been opened in advance of the referendum in South Africa next Wednesday. The briskest polling was reported in London, where more than 2,000 votes were cast in the first few hours. The first 60 voters to emerge from the South African embassy all told reporters they supported Mr de Klerk's negotiations with the black majority.

About the only white citizens unable to participate are 37 personnel manning Ant-arctic weather stations. The department of home affairs could not establish polling facilities for them in time. At home, the campaigns of

the ruling National party and the far-right Conservative party are becoming increasingly unpleasant, with the rivals flailing each other with the symbols of nazism and communism. An advertise-ment by the Nationalists depicts a swastika with the legend: "This one cost 45 million lives and took six years of war to stop." Beside it is the similar emblem of the paramilitary Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), with the words: "How many lives will this one cost? Your vote will decide." The Nationalist posters on the streets show a masked gunman of the AWB's elite "Iron Guard". with the message: 'You have

the power to stop this man." The Conservatives are equally blunt in accusing the government of being in league with the Communist

party, the principal ally of the African National Congress in philosophy, than with the Communists. Mr de Klerk is the constitutional negotiations. Andries Treamicht, the Conservative leader, says: English speakers must not let the National party confuse the real issue — the truth is that a 'yes' vote is a vote for black communist domination." To underline the point. his party's posters depict Mr de Klerk kneeling in supplica-tion at the feet of Nelson Mandela, the ANC president. Jacques Theron, the Con-

servative leader in Johannesburg city council, responded to heckling by a liberal stu-dent audience by saying his party would rather side with the AWB, despite its neo-Nazi

taking the right-wing propaganda seriously. In a statement, he affirmed that his party was "fiercely anti-communistic" and would ensure that communist ideology had no part in the "new" South Africa. Citing its commitment to democracy, private enterprise and freedom of religion, he said: "I reject with contempt the allegation that we are giving in to commu-

The ANC, while tacitly supporting the government in the whites-only electoral battile, is more concerned about political violence in black communities in which 83 people have been killed and 241 injured in the past week. It noted that random attacks on commuters and assassinations invariably increased whenever political negotiations were at a critical point.

A gloomy portent of economic hardship in the event of a right-wing victory has emerged from Cape Town. where fruit farmers say millions of rands worth of canned goods are in storage until the referendum result is nown. Foreign buyers have threatened immediate reimposition of sanctions if the Conservatives win.

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Cape warned of sour grapes

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG But it could all go wrong if

there is a majority "No"

vote on Tuesday, according

SOUTH Africa's wine producers have been warned that they could drown in their own product if there is a "No" vote in next week's referendum on constitutional reform and international sanctions are re-

With the easing of sanctions in the past year, South African wines have begun to reappear on the shelves of Sainsburys and Oddbins. There have been sniffs of approval from the most discerning British and European wine writers who have attended tastings organised by the South African industry and judged the Cape's Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs almost on a par with Australia's. Cape wine producers have been chuckling all the way to their banks.

to KWV, the wine producers' co-operative, which controls output. In a circular to its 5,000 members, it said: "You will feel the considerable financial benefits for producers in your pockets after the 1991 and 1992 payments to KWV members. With new sanctions, the wine industry would have to revert to bulk exports of unidentified winealcohol to the international market. Wine-alcohol. if it can be sold at all, realises seven per cent of the income of natural wine."

At the height of sanctions, South Africa disposed of much of its vast wine lake through sales to East European countries. The product filtered into Western supermarkets labelled Ruritarian Rouge or whatever. But The KWV circular states bluntly: "The East European commodity markets no longer exist as an alternative." It was the personal prerogative of wine farmers to vote "Yes" or "No", the circular added, but there should be no uncertainty about the drastic results a majority "No" vote would hold for the wine industry.

The Western Cape-based fruit canning industry has also sent up alarm signals about the consequences of a "No" vote. Canned fruit exports earn South Africa about to million a year, and, like the wine farmers, fruit growers are important entloyers in an economically depressed region.

Clinton fails to win heart of Daley machine

FROM PETER STOTHARD US EDITOR IN WASHINGTON

BILL Clinton is not "butter ing up" Mayor Daley of Chi-cago. That was the official word yesterday as the Clinton campaign fought to add Illinois next week to its impressive list of Super Tuesday primary victories.

Richard M. Daley is not to

be confused with his legendary father, Richard J. Daley. who played king-maker for John Kennedy in 1960 and led the "police riot" at the 1968 Democratic convention. But the son's endorse-ment is still worth something and the governor of Arkansas has not got it.

The two men appeared to-gether for what was billed as a gener for what was blieful as a greeting and photo-opportunity. "Political machine meets son of political machine," according to one local observer. The mayor spoke generously of the governor's ability to bring some light at the end of the tunnel for people here in Chicago and throughout the country. But when he was asked if that constituted an endorsement,

he replied brusquely "No". Mr Daley's tetchiness was as nothing compared to Mr Clinton's denial that he might be considering the Chicago mayor for his vice-presi-dential running mate. Repor-ters were stunned at the vehemence of the governor's denial. The mayor "glow-ered" and the governor "frowned", according to The New York Times.

Any rift between the two men is unlikely to hamper Mr Clinton's campaign. Since se-nior Daley's death in 1976, the Daley organisation's abil-ity to influence the success of candidates has diminished sharply. Even in the last year of his life he was unable to swing Illinois behind Jimmy

In another development former President Ford joined on, and other senior Republi Buchanan to end his challenge to President Bush

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Now, looking all of his 80 years, he shambles into court

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eared from an American mil-mary train in 1948 while on

the way to a war crimes trial.

For years he was one of the

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revered statues of Christ was last seen in a public procession. This week it was solemnly escorted through the narrow cobbled streets in a desperate attempt to persuade the Almighty to bring rain to the province's parched fields.

Almost no rain has fallen on the Castilian plain this winter. The area is one of many in Spain suffering the effects of widespread drought, after one of the driest winters for many years. Because of its proximity to Madrid, the province of Segovia is dotted with reservoirs and dams, which supply areas and farmers have been much of the capital's water.

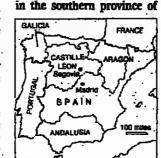
FROM FRANK SMITH IN MADRID But the reservoir at Maderuelo, about 100 miles north of Madrid, usually dotted with small boats, looks like a marine cemetery, with dozens of small craft beached.

on the parched and cracked With water levels dangerously low - reservoirs are down to 40 per cent capacity, a drop of 20 per cent compared with this time last year - farmers' losses so farhave been estimated at about £1

billion nationwide. Representatives from the main farming regions have asked the ministry of agricul-ture for help, but the govern-ment says any aid will have to come from the regional au-thorities, not from Madrid.

So far, water restrictions have not been introduced in any of the main agricultural has made many farmers un-sure of themselves; they have not yet decided what to plant Among the threatened

and time is running short. crops are the rice and cotton



Andalusia and cereals in Castile and Extremadura in central Spain. But there is also uncertainty in the normally wet northern regions. Cattle farmers in Galicia, Navarre and Aragon, for example, are

waiting for the rains to come experiencing their driest winter for three years and are desperately short of good

While the short-term threat to farming demands immediate attention, the prospect of a long and damaging drought has highlighted deeper concerns about the long-term effect on Spain's environmental balance, par-ticularly the process of desertification. Through a combination of drought, forest fires and outmoded farming techniques, Spain is losing about a billion tonnes of topsoil every year.

Seventeen per cent of Spain's land mass is already officially desert, and a further nine million hectares is said to be under threat. The Spanish agriculture ministry estimates that it would take £2 billion to begin to halt the " process.

lan Murray reports from Stuttgart on the trial of a benign-looking old gentleman accused of taking a hand in

concentration camp atrocities

Young Germans given painful history lesson at Nazi trial

to an anonymous informer, he was extradited in 1990 and went on trial last June. Young neo-Nazis demonstrated for his release outside the State Court here when

the case opened. Since then, his trial has become more of a focus for a generation trying to understand the most shameful period of their country's history.
The evidence is often har-

rowing. This week Mrs Anna Zaryn told her story in bro-ken, accented English. She has lived in Canada since 1948 and prefers to speak the language she has learnt

since then to the German language she had to obey as a girl of 15 when her parents moved to Przemysl.

One day her parents were among hundreds of Jews rounded up and put on a train. She wanted to go with them, but her mother threatened to hit an SS soldier in the face if she tried. "My mother said. You know what will happen then. He will kill me. Do you want that to happen? Knowing my mother, I knew she would do it. I just turned around and left, and that has been haunting me to this day." The train

Mrs Zaryn described Herr Schwammberger as "a person everybody feared, always with his dog and always with a stick". She had watched two "actions" when he ordered people shot. On one occasion 120 had died. On the other, she had hidden in

an attic as 900 more were

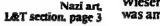
killed and their bodies set on

never saw her parents again.

All the other surviving children --- bar one who later died in Auschwitz - had been shot when she and a tiny handful of survivors from the ghetto were loaded on a cattle wagon and sent away. Of the 28,000 Jews in the town when Herr Schwammberger arrived in late 1942, only 100 were alive when he left in 1943. Sitting in a fawn cardigan.

shut, the accused made copious notes of her evidence. sighed heavily several times. but seemed far less moved than did the history class. He does not deny having been the camp commandant, but admits to shooting only one person. He says the witnesses are all lying or exaggerating, and that he recognises none

of them. The verdict is unlikely before the summer. Had Herr Schwammberger been found guilty at the war crimes trial which he was on the way to when he escaped, there is every likelihood that he would have been sentenced to death. But there is no capital punishment in modern Germany.





Wiesenthal: accused was among his top ten

Motorcycle gunmen kill Andreotti's Sicilian ally

Schwammberger: was

tracked to Argentina

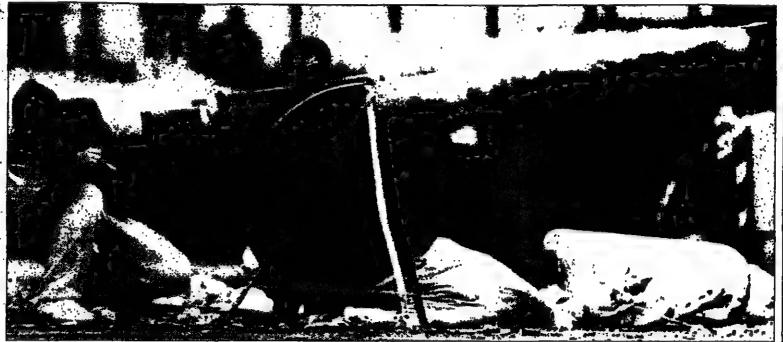
FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

PRESUMED Mafia hitmen eriess against crime gangs yesterday shot and killed Salvatore Lima, the leader of was beightened by the discovery yesterday near Milan of the body of Luciano Carugo, an industrialist known as the Christian Democratic party faction in Sicily and an MEP. Signor Lima, aged 64, was a loyal lieutenant of "the king of asphalt", because of his hucrative road repair Glulio Andreotti, the prime business. He was kidnapped minister, and as an MEP reon Monday and murdered. peatedly denied allegations that he was himself linked to These are all facts that strike us very deeply," Signora Ioni organised crime.

Two men on a motorcycle A statement by the Sicilian branch of the Christian Demambushed Signor Lima as he was being driven to his office ocrais said the assassination in Palermo. He was wounded of Signor Lime put to shame by the first pistol shots but managed to climb out of the his enemies who persistently accused him of being close to the Maña. "All those who car and tried to escape. Howhave consciously or uncon-sciously launched falsehood ever, one of the gunmen fired again, leaving the politician dead on the pavement in a pool of blood. Two associates. and calumny must feel the weight of the things that were of Signor Lima who were also

Signor Lima was known in the Italian press as the "vice-roy" of Signor Andreotti in Sicily and the undisputed in the car were unharmed. The motorcycle used by the assassins was later found by police abandoned on the out-In Strasbourg, Euro-MPs served as mayor for seven observed a minute's silence in years. The two men were due to preside over an election memory of their-Sigilian colleague and some laid wreaths campaign meeting later this on his seat in parliament.

Signor Lima had been an In 1989 Giuseppe Pelle-MEP since 1984. In Rome, Nilde lotti, the grith a Mafia gangster turned informer, accused Si-gnor Lima of ordering the president of the chamber of assassination of Piersanti deputies, noted that the murder took piace a day after the Mattarella, the Christian Democrat regional govern-ment president, in 1980, and the killings in 1982 of Pio La Torre, the Sicilian commukilling of Sebastiano Corrado, a Neapolitan councillor for the Democratic (former communist) Party of the Left. He had worked for the localnist leader, and General Carhealth authority where he lo Alberto dalla Chiesa,the government's special crime-fighter. The investigators did fought against corruption schemes of the Camorra, the Mafia's Neapolitan cousin. not believe the Mafia accusa-The impression that the tions and Pellegriti later



Strike weapon: hooded Spanish workers fire a home-made rocket at police during a protest yesterday against the threatened closure of steelworks with a loss of 1,800 jobs in the Basque town of Llodio. Others blocked roads and a railway line with blazing barricades

Russia bans recall of old parliament

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

authorities seemed satisfied yesterday that they had wrongfooted the conservative opposition and forced a split camera. in the ranks of those trying to reconvene the old Soviet parliament, the USSR Congress of People's Deputies, next

Tuesday. Statements from Ruslan Khasbulatov, chairman of the Russian parliament, and Gavrill Popov, the mayor of Moscow, were followed by a concession, indicating that as far as the democrats were concerned - the main dan-

ger was probably past. As of last night, the planned Soviet congress was outlawed across Russia by a decision of the Russian par-liament's praesidium. The demonstration called to accompany the congress and endorse its decisions, however, is to be permitted. The ban

MOSCOW and the Russian on the congress was announced on Wednesday after a special session of the parlia-mentary praesidium, held in

> The praesidium banned the congress as "a threat to state sovereignty". Explain-ing the decision in parlia-ment yesterday, Mr Khasbulatov said: "The congress was directed against us, the highest legislative organ in the land, and we should not hesitate to act. The holding of a congress on our territory without the agreement of our parliament unconstitutional."

The demonstrators would be allowed on to the territory of the Kremlin. They would not, however, be provided with a meeting hall or given the opportunity to convene a congress. According to Izvestia, any attempt to hold a formal meeting on Kremlin territory would be prevented by the police, and no provi-sion would be made to stop the traffic on the main thoroughfares during the evening rush-hour.

.If the Moscow authorities stick to their decision, and if conservative leaders refrain from attempts to stage a provocation, the city could be spared the sort of angry clashes between police and demonstrators seen during the banned rally on February 23.

Last night Yuri Golik, a lawyer and organiser of the outlawed congress, argued that they would be able to muster a respectable turnout. He insisted that the USSR congress and standing parliament were never constitution-

Rutskoi wins freedom for officers

ALEKSANDR Rutskoi, the Russian vice-president, and the commanders of the former Soviet army yesterday secured the release of ten offcers held hostage by Arme-

Mr Rutskoi, a Russian nationalist who seems likely to

joined army commanders at a news conference where all

gave full vent to the fury felt by the top brass over attacks

74 servicemen had been killed and 238 wounded.

The high profile adopted by Mr Rutskoi will not only strengthen his own nationalist camp but also boost his ability to defend President Yeltsin from diehard attacks.

Threat to nuclear arsenal

FROM REUTER

NUCLEAR weapons security has sharply declined in the former Soviet Union and its vast atomic arsenal could be subject to terrorist artacks or blackmail, according to a scientist at the Chelyabinsk-70 nuclear centre in the Urals.

"Technical security . . . has remained at the previous lev-el," Gennady Novikov told the Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper. "But security in the broad sense, taking into account the political and psychological situation, has cer-tainly declined sharply. A few years ago we had no concept of nuclear terrorism. Now we speak about the possibility of deliberate seizure of nuclear munitions."

Mr Novikov painted a pic ture of rival government departments competing for control of nuclear weapons, saying state control over them was still not good. "The variety of departments is such that we hide information from each other, including information affecting security," he said. He added that nuclear weapons were being removed from the troubled Transcaucasus faster than



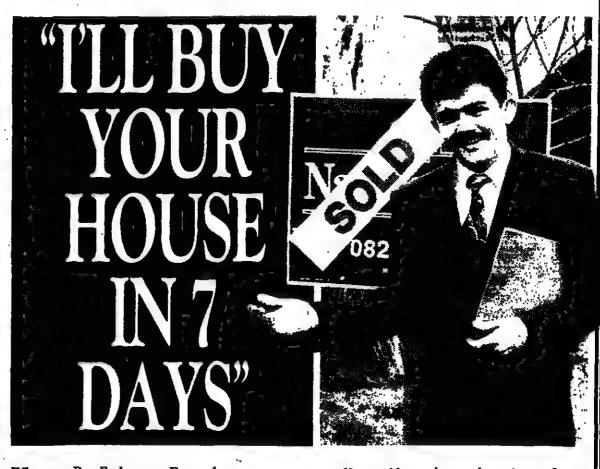
Off the track: Swedish rescue teams examining a Gothenburg tram which jumped its tracks and ran downhill, killing at least 11 people yesterday

Desert gains ground in rainless Spain

FRUM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW Rutskoi declared, saying that tages, called for all regular troops to be withdrawn from the war zone and replaced by professional volunteers. He

ing efforts to free the hos- wards has to stop," Mr

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Literary tortoises

- Daniel Johnson on short

lives and long books

here are no shortcuts to literary eminence. Works of erudition normally require the leisure that comes with private means or, more commonly, an academic sinecure. Those who earn their livings by writing as journalists generally lack the energy to undertake grand projects of scholarship. To conduct such a work to a successful conclusion while running a large farm in Ireland is no mean achievement.

deserved to win the W.H. Smith literary award. Pakenham is that rare animal, the scholarly dilettante. He is, of course, from a famous stable At yesterday's prizegiving, a roomful of literati almost emptied when members of the Pakenham family were summoned to a photocall. But the others differ from him in one important respect his parents, two of his sisters, his wife, two of his nieces and many other relatives are all writers of distinction, but all are professionals.

One thing irks him: the other members of his family write faster than he does. His latest book took 12 years; his two sisters, Antonia and Rachel, and his father, Lord Longford, have alone produced 26 volumes in that time. Does this matter? Why do some historians, such as Edward Gibbon, B.G. Niebuhr or Lord Macaulay, take decades to write their great works (some, such as Lord Acton, never finish at all) while others — Leopold Ranke, Theodor Mommsen or A. J. P. Taylor — spend their active lives in a

To be prolific in print is a gift of the gods. Those gods were, however, Greek; and we are wise to beware of Greek gifts. One may envy Nietzsche: he wrote some of his later works in days; but who would pay the price of the madness that followed? Many may aspire to the titanic productivity of a Tolstoy or a Goethe, but few would willingly endure the fiendish egotism of the former or the lifelong self-denial of the latter, whose bitter words (in Carlyle's translation) echo down the years: "Who never ate his bread in sorrow... He knows ye not, ye heavenly powers."

ntellectual productivity is determined by temporality in utterly different ways. The premature deaths of Pushkin, Büchner or Keats were real losses; not so those of Rimbaud. Rilke or Wilde. Gibbon, who spent 24 years pondering and writing his Decline and Fall, was thereafter so idle that his death at 57 was a merciful release. Some writers exhaust themselves with a single spasm of creativity; others illuminate a whole century with their steady glow. The question of how long a book may take an author to write is subordinate to another: how many it has been granted to him to write.

Take philosophy, in which one mind may take many volumes to express what another can accomplish in one or two. The schoolman St Thomas Aquinas, who produced the metaphysical counterpart to the medieval cathedrals in the thousands of pages of the Summa contra Gentiles and the Summa Theologiae, had still much to say when the "angelic doctor" was carried off at 49. Yet the watchmaker Baruch Spinoza, whose life was even shorter, said everything he wanted in one short book, the Ethics, and died content

Fiction, and all books that depend essentially on imagination rather than reading, are in theory susceptible to shortcuts. In practice, long hours of drudgery are as inseparable from the biographies of the great novelists, poets and playwrights as they are from those of scholars.

My father, Paul Johnson, who has produced

half a dozen long history books, is emphatic that there is no such thing as "writer's block", that research, inadequate planning or lack of selfdiscipline at the writing stage. In most cases, it is surely true that the poisons that induce literary sterility are banal, even if the cures are not

But the springs of inspiration remain too deep to be fathomed: even the best writers cannot explain how they do what they do. Discipline is a necessary, but not a sufficient, attribute of an emergent writer. Ecclesiastes was right: "Of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh." A Kafka can, it is true, work for years in an insurance office while subverting an entire literary culture with his nocturnal experiments in prose. For a lucky few. writing can be a release, a liberation of the spirit. For most people, though, it is just hard work.

America's romance with the Mafia has been rekindled by the latest trial, writes Charles Bremner

The Mob's finest hour

S ammy the Bull chopped his brother-in-law up into little pieces and had him FED TO THE DOGS. So read the headline in yesterday's New York Post, the latest in a feast from the trial of John Gotti, the alleged Godfather. Thanks to FBI bugs and Sammy Gravano's decision to break the code of overta and rat on his boss. One might wonder how people can be so enthralled by homicidal criminals at a time when violence is poisoning American life. There is, however, no paradox. The terror of the of omerta and rat on his boss. New York has been relishing every lurid detail of life in the real world comes in the form of Mafia. Prime among these were Mr Gotti's tape-recorded order teenage muggers and drug dealers. Mr Gotti and his dan to murder a subordinate because "he refused to come when I called" and the occasion spring from another tradition. that of the romantic outlaw. Every culture has its heroic lawbreakers — witness Robin that the hit-men wore white Hood — but America does it bigger and better than anyone. trenchenats and Russian hats to ambush Paul Castellano, Mr Gotti's alleged predecessor as head of the Gambino family. Rudolph Giuliani, the prosecutor who made his name

locking up the bad guys of Wall Street in the 1980s but failed to The entertainment comes from the way the wiseguys talk and act like movie mobsters. La convict Mr Gotti, noted this Cosa Nostra may be on its last week that the obsession with the underworld springs from the fact that America was born in a legs, brought down by prosecution and overtaken by more murderous gangs of Colombi-ans, Chinese, Russians and Jarebellion and still worships those who defy authority. The tradi-tion took off in the 19th century maicans, but these upstarts when desperadoes from Jesse James to Butch Cassidy were seen as heroes fighting the cannot compete with the operatic performance of the Dapper Don and his henchmen.

the West by industrial barons.

Almost as soon as the outlaw's romance passed to odd happened: the form of pulp novels and novels then Hollywood, merged the folklore with the realisymbiosis in which criminals fed on

their fictional personae and vice-versa. Bonnie and Clyde and Machine Gun Kelly carefully tended their showbiz images. Cagney copied Capone and the Chicago gang-ster vetted the script of Scarface. When Bugsy Siegel was sent to Los Angeles by his partners Meyer Lansky and Lucky Luciano, he made friends with

Their kind of guy:

revived. Warren Beatty, who produced Bugsy and plays Siegel, has been busy pointing out how much he has in common with the charming gang-ster-rebel. "What the hell is the difference between Las Vegas and the junk-bond market and

Clark Gable and even took a screen test. When Robert De Niro played a Gotti type in Goodfellas two years ago, he "hung out" in Litthe Italy to pick up the patter of the modern wiseguys. In the other direc-tion, Mr Gotti

of the 1988 film The Untouchables. Beatty in Bugsy and founded Las Vegas, is the latest of the old-timers to be

chose as his model

De Niro's Capone

most of what is going on on Wall Street? he asked the other day.

The words could have come straight from Mr Gotti's soliloquies. The Don and his underlings are exploiting a cycle in the Zeitgeist in favour of the virile dissident. In a time of recession and revulsion against business greed, everyone wants to act the rebel. Mr Gotti's defiant attitude is an extreme version of the

"in-your-face" pose now affected by the hip from Greenwich Village to Santa Monica.

The only trouble is that Mr Gotti and his gang are said by the experts to be pale imitations of the old-style mailosi, with their codes of horozur and sense. their codes of honour and sense of chivalry. Nothing could better Mob than Mr Gravano's treason and the shooting this week of the sister of a Brooklyn gangster who also "sang to the Feds" about Mr Gotti.

However, what they tack in grandeur, the Gotti gang make

up with a cartoon-like obsession with feeding the folklore. Their evil may be of the most banal kind, but they are playing straight from their own screenstraight from their own screen-play. This is quite understand-able given the industry that has lately grown up around "organised crime". Almost every small-time crook is hustling his memoirs and selling concepts to Hollywood, a business which has become highly profitable now that the Supreme Court has overnied a New York law which prohibited criminals from enjoying the proceeds from their stories. Two television networks have already started work on dramas from the Gotti trial.

Things have now gone so far that the entertainment is conflicting with the course of justice. It is not inconceivable that Mr Gotti and his co-defendant could be acquitted because so many of his pursuers have signed deals. Opening the trial, Mr Gotti's lawyer asked the jury to remember that FBI officers involved in the case "have motives, interests and biases having to do with book contracts worth \$1 million and movie contracts worth \$625,000.

Mr Major's sticky wicket

The prime minister has chosen to launch an election campaign while the advantages are lying with the Labour party, writes Peter Riddell

yesterday morning by a crisis on the other side of trisis on the other side of the world as the cabinet finished off drafting the Tory election manifesto. Sticking to his duty, he did not break off to watch television, though private secretaries brought in regular reports on England's World Crip havile. The parallels both Cup barile. The parallels, both the difficulty of the struggle and the consolation of the final triumph, were not lost. Our cricket-loving prime minister no doubt identified with the predic-ament of Alec Stewart, England's temporary captain and fellow Surrey man.

Like England yesterday, when the rain left them the underdogs with a difficult target to reach, the Tories start the election at a disadvantage. The momentum is, for the time being, with Labour, whose morale is high, though both sides were on a preelection high in the Commons yesterday. Not only have the Tories been forced on to the defensive by the state of the economy but they have had to enter the campaign slightly behind in the poils, by two percentage points according to this morning's Mori survey in The Times. This is in line with other recent polls, also pointing to a

hung parliament.

Moreover, the Tories also than Labour. To win, they need a clear overall majority. There is little chance of the Tories staying in office for more than a few weeks or months if they fall more than five or 10 MPs short of an overall majority. For Labour, the hurdle is lower, victory is a hung parliament even if Labour is not

quite the largest party.
Such an outcome, in which
the Tories would have lost 45 to 50 seats, and Labour gained a similar number, would make John Major appear the loser, as Edward Heath did after the

A WEEK IN POLITICS

February 1974 election. The markets are right to be jittery, but no more than that at this stage. The result is wide open though, unlike cricket, it will not turn on the heroic feats of a few stars. Even Michael Heseltine, whom we learnt this week prefers to be known as Tarzan rather than Hezza, cannot as-pire to the match-winning per-formance yesterday of Nell

Past precedents are an unreliable guide. It may be true that no government has won a fourth term since Lord Liverpool's days, that none has won starting from such a record in opinion polls, and that no Opposition since 1945 has achieved a swing in its favour of the scale Labour requires. But there is no inher-ent reason why the Tories or Labour cannot gain the extra two or three points above ent poll ratings that they

need for an overall majority.

Campaigns are, of course, largely artificial exercises, staged rituals, in which the real world seldom intrudes. The parries' various activities - and the media's focus on minor nuance impact other than to irritate and bore. There will be few new arguments or ideas, especially when there has been such a long period of pre-campaigning. And, crises in the Middle East apart, there may be few external events to interrupt the slogans: key statistics on unemployment and prices appear next week.

Nevertheless, the results of both the 1970 and February 1974 elections - and the margins of victory in 1951, 1964 and 1983 - were probably determined by events during the



Tories and Labour affect the result when months of battering each other have produced near level pegging?

that the election would turn on matters of economic compe-tence and leadership. That is partly code for highlighting charges against Labour as a high tax, high spending party still dominated by the unions and for stressing Mr Major's personal popularity compared with Neil Kinnock, especially now that Mrs Thatcher has

the Tories. Wavering voters al-ready worried about their stretched finances may scared back to the fold by the implicit Tory argument "we may have got you into this mess but we are still better than Labour at safeguarding your personal wellbeing". The Major card is the big uncertainty on which the Tories rest many of their hopes, and Mr Major, like Mr Patten, appears more relaxed, and eager for the fight, now that the decision on timing

but I doubt if it will be enough. The present Tory leadership is full of good facticians — Mr Major himself, Richard Ryder, his chief whip — but short of proven strategists. Mr Major could not suppress a smirk over the wrongfooting of Labour when Norman Lamont an-nounced the 20p reduced rate income tax band in Tuesday's Budget. It was a clever Westminster manoeuvre, a classic "inside the Beltway" move as Washington politicians dismissively say. But I wonder how it will play in the country by polling day. It obviously helps to define the choice over tax, as Mr Major emphasised in the Commons yesterday, but it is not an election winner.

Labour has succeeded in sustaining its support by attacking the Tory record over the reces-sion and standards of public services — though its unscrupu-lous use of individual tragedies in its NHS campaign may alienate some. John Smith has boosted the spirits of his own side by his assault on the Budget. But I doubt if "time for a change" will be enough on its own to win Labour a majority.

oth parties need to offer a more positive reason why they should be given a majority apart from just a rejection of the other side. The Tories need to show what Britain would be like in the mid-1990s and Labour has to show how it could change policy within the tight constraints of high public borrowing. A con-tinuation of the recent bitter infighting could play to the benefit of the Liberal Demo-crats, though Paddy Ashdown will have to watch a tendency to sound self-righteous when his party is as nuthless in fighting elections as the other two. Neventheless, the scale and distribu-tion of the Liberal Democrat vote will have a crucial bearing on the result.

For the moment, my hunch is still that the Tories will, just, be the largest single party, but that they could fall short of an overall majority. The uneven spread of ries' favour, possibly by as many as 20 MPs even if their overall support is similar, as does incumbency and the absence of

students from university seats. That is why, for all their confidence, Labour leaders will have to perform above their single party. The Tories will also have to perform better than they have for the past two months if they are to win a full fourth term. Mr Major should re-read his books on how Mike Brearley won his Ashes series.



...and moreover

A riveting Inspector Morse on Wednesday, I thought. Four different fireplaces. One massive job in white Car-rara marble with offset slips and a double-corbelled support; a jolly little knotted pine number with oval paterae and a burnished semi-inset cowl; an elewould expect, inner mouldings of trefoil and dart; and the fourth a simple yet charming granite arch with just a gun-metal dog grate and what I am certain was a Welsh slate forecourse, aithough my wife remains unbudgeable from the conviction that this was in fact York stone. A woman impervious to informed screaming.

I'm afraid. You're not going to believe the next bit. Astonishingly, the mahogany item was almost identical to the mantelpiece against which Stephen Fry was leaning at the delightful party I went to last Sunday morning at Claire Rayner's Harrow premises! How about that, eh? True, I swear. Sadly, though, the house had so many fireplaces I had to give up making rough sketches after a bit. You'll understand. The head begins to swim. And sadder even then that was the fact that although Stephen is the most engaging conversationalist I know, and one I run into all too rarely, I word he was saying because of what he was leaning on. Nor did it help that he is a large cove. and fidgety. Kept throwing his arms about and obscuring bits

Worse was to come. By one of those extraordinary coinci-dences with which mantelwatching is rife, when Stephen opened up again that night in BBCI's Common Pursuit I was unable to pay any attention to what he was saying this time, either. Or. indeed, to what anyone else was, for the play not only had several serious fire-

only had several serious fire-places in it, it had one so utterly right that I had to go and lie down. That night, I hardly slept. Monday wasn't too bad. I worked all day, thereby running into no fireplaces at all, and we didn't watch the box that night. we went to see Steve Ross at Pizza on the Park, which doesn't have fireplaces, so I could listen to Steve's stunning act, and I was doing fine until the interval. when I fancied a cigar but they didn't have one, so I went next door to the new Lanesborough Hotel, and that was it. They've put a fireplace in the foyer you wouldn't believe. By the time I'd finished examining it and got back, Steve was half way through his second set. My wife said: "Where's the cigar?" and I

said: "What cigar?" I've suddenly realised you may not know what this is all about. You may just have forgotten my telling you on February 5 that I had the men in. Certainly, you do not know that the men have reached the point where they need to put the fireplace in.

choose one for a fortnight. I have therefore been choosing one for a fortnight. I have read all the fireplace books there are. I have been to all the fireplace shops there are, and I tell you it is not easy going into places called Grate Expectations and Feeling Grate and Burning Sensations and Old Flames, but vou have to.

After that you start looking at every fireplace in every house you go to, and when that is not enough to bring you to a decision you start looking at every fireplace in every house you do not go to, i.e. in films, on television, at the theatre, but no belief maless of cremes it's ballet, unless of course it's And does all this help you

come to a decision? I'll tell you what all this helps you come to.
Do you remember when the
great Bobby Fischer gave up
competitive chess? He said he
knew it was time when he found it impossible to walk up Park moves in all the paving squares. What happened to him after that, or where they might have put him. I do not know, but I may be in a position to tell you any day now. If they do put me in the same place as Bobby, we may very well play a game or two. I cannot claim to be a grandmaster, but if he gives me one of those little horses and a couple of towers, he shall find himself with a run for his

money.

Provided I can concentrate. If They want me to choose one. Bobby's room has a fireplace. I may well have problems.

A swing to Norma GONE are the days when poli-

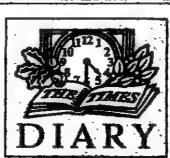
ticians' wives stayed home and minded the constituency during an election. Both Norma Major and Glenys Kinnock will be pushed into the spotlight over the next month by party strategists who believe that in an election likely to be about style as much as substance, the feminine touch could prove vital.

That former shrinking violet, the prime minister's wife, who made no secret of her dread of publicity when her husband got to Downing Street, will become the first consort of a Tory leader to conduct her own presidential-style election campaign. Tory planners have arranged an energetic sepa-rate programme for her, involving travel all over the country by train, car and helicopter. Her tour starts in St James's Park on Monday when she will go kite-flying with Roy Hudd in aid of spina bifida research - not to mention the

Tory cause. "Mrs Major shares the views of the prime minister and will let him do the political talking. But she will also have plenty to say and do herself," says an aide. She will be accompanied throughout by Vanessa Ford, a Central Office press officer, and Maggie Scott, Norma's best friend for the past 16 years. Scott will act as unofficial lady-in-waiting, sending changes of wardrobe to the cleaners and providing a friendly face

when the going gets tough. Glenys Kinnock will repeat the high-profile personal tour she pioneered at the last election. She will be accompanied by Nita Clarke. former press officer to Ken Livingstone at the Greater London

Only Jane Ashdown is adhering meal at the restaurant. Sadly,



has been taken.

to the traditional concept of a leader's wife. She has refused to be filmed alongside Glerrys and Norma for a series of profiles of the wives on BBC breakfast television and will seldom leave her Yeovil home. "Paddy is the one up for election, not me," she has told the Liberal Democrat leader's staff.

No one with horse sense is betting on the outcome of the elecfolk, the opinion polisters. But Bob Worcester of Mori has al-ready made £50 from the cam-paign. He put a £5 bet at 10-1 on an April 9 poll last October.

Waite's blow-out

TERRY WAITE fulfilled a longstanding promise to his fellow hostage John McCarthy yesterday when he treated him to lunch at his favourite restaurant. After receiving their CBE insignia at Buckingham Palace, Waite took McCarthy, Jill Morrell, Mc-Carthy's father and other relatives to L'Amico, the Italian restaurant in Westminster where Neil Kinnock once entertained Mikhail

During their captivity Waite had pledged to McCarthy and Brian Keenan that when they were free he would treat them to a pasta

Keenan did not feel up to joining yesterday's reunion.

Waite, relaxing at the bar before lunch, told the Diary: "It was hard to believe when I was sitting there manacled to my cell floor that I used to eat and drink here. It was one of the thoughts of home that kept me going. L'Amico has al-ways been my favourite and Bruno Carini, the owner, has been a

friend for 14 years."

There was further poignancy to yesterday's visit. Just over five years ago Waite had taken Mc-Carthy's father, Pat, there before Waite's own ill-fated mission. "We came here to discuss how we could get John freed. It's nice to be here together again."

 After 60 years of male domi-nance the BBC World Service could get its first woman director with the forthcoming exit, an-nounced yesterday, of John Tusa. The early favourites include Jenny Abramsky, head of radio news and current affairs, and Jane Drabble, a senior television execative who began her career at Bush House. Abramsky in particular is a close ally of John Birt, with whom Tusa never saw eye to eye. However, if Birt decides the service requires a more flamboyant, high-profile figure he could approach John Simpson or Peter Jay, both of whom have a wealth of overseas experience.

Mac the composer

MALCOLM MCLAREN, be of the Sex Pistols notoriety, is plan-ning an opera while boasting he has never sat through an entire performance in his life. "I've been to the Met in New York several times but I never lasted very long. It took too much time to get to the big hits." Nevertheless, McLaren is hooked. "It's the anarchy and arigst of it. Opera is love and death in a pint bottle. I hate Tin Pan Alley pop. This is the devil's music. Puccini and Verdi were early rock

McLaren, taking part in English National Opera's new programme to capture a bigger youth

It's Verdis Requiem



audience, will spend the summer composing with a group of young musicians. Whether the fruits of their labour will ever be performed at the Coliseum remains to

South Africa, no stranger to censorship, is bemused by the latest outbreak. The state radio station has been instructed that in the interests of impartiality songs prominently featuring the word no" are banned in the run-up to next Tuesday's referendum. Not for the first time the Rolling Stones song Satisfaction (I Can't Get No) is outlawed, along with Bob Marley's No Woman No Cry and a host of classics such as Edith Piafs Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien. The status of The Beatles' Hello Goodbye ("You say yes, I say no") is said to be causing considerable debate in government airdes.

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LEVERING FOR PEACE

Standard come: Alexandra and services are services and services and services and services and services are services and services and services are services are services and services are services and services are services are services and services are services are services are services and services are se The killings on the hills of Nagorno-Karabakh are an obscenity. So too are the indiscriminate revenge attacks on heli-The state of the s copters, cities and isolated settlements. prohibited commals like significant from the God by the proceeds from the God by the property from the God by the process from the God by the God b Neither Armenians nor Azeris can mono-

probabilities and the population polise the world's sympathy and political suspicious. Any such force could go in only support. Both peoples are victims. But affect the probabilities have been committed by gummen on both sides.

Humanity demands an end to the opinion is emaged and wants war. Though the country of the co the state of the s tially destabilising consequences for Russia, Central Asia and the Middle East. Even if the prospect of success is not high, the world must now use its limited leverage for peace.

Activities to the control of Fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh has now. been going on for almost four years. But the dispute is one of those, like Lebanon, which seems intractable, localised and only marginal to the interests of the big powers. None the less, with the recent escalation, at least five peace initiatives are now underway?" Russian, Iranian, Turkish, a CSCE mission and backstage efforts at the Nato Cooperation Council earlier this week. Even. Douglas Hogg, the foreign office minister, is now shuttling between Baku and Yerevan.

All these schemes propose some kind of pa no day it obvious allow the villagers to co-exist, with outside guarantees acceptable to both sides. Given May guarantees acceptance of grievance in both or edge built communities, proposals based on compromuse may appear tune 110 mines the a wholesale transfer of population, with the promise may appear futile. The alternative is a wholesale transier in population as a wholesale transier in population and a Armenians moving out of Nagorno-Kara-Armenians moving out of Nakhichevan, the bakh and the Azeris out of Nakhichevan, the Azerbaijani enclave between Armenia and and a water Turkey. Turkey has suggested a double corridor solution: a demilitarised zone giving Armenians free access to Nagorno-Karaback and Azerbaijanis to Nakukueva who would protect the corridors? bakh and Azerbaijanis to Nakhichevan. But

The United Nations has too much on its hands. A European peacekeeping force to protect some \$80,000 yillagers would be enormously expensive. The terrain is hostile, the boundaries unclear, the population

the readiness to compromise is forced upon them? Such counsel of despair is morally wrong and strategically dangerous. The conflict has drawn Turkey more and more into the vortex Ankara is poised to play a vital role encouraging secular democracy in Central Asia. Turkish opinion, suspicious of the contral Asia. Turkish opinion, suspicious of the Armenians and their powerful diaspora, is siding with Azerbaijan and may force the government away from its even-handedness.

The Armenians could then point to a new Turkish-backed genecide, the war could become a Christian-Muslim conflict with the West tempted to side with Armenia, and latent Turkish resentment of Western European attitudes might whip up a nationalism

dangerous to Nato and to regional stability. The West must therefore use its leverage in Nato and CSCE to force the two sides to begin talks. The most these can aim for at first is a return of prisoners and hostages and agreement to try to control the militias. An overall settlement may come later. The Russians, angered at the recent attacks on their bases, can be persuaded to stand firm and use their economic leverage. They have the experience, local knowledge and men on the ground. Though neither Yerevan nor Baku musts Moscow, Western Europe must give it full support and warn the combatants that they cannot look to the West for aid while continuing their mutual slaughter.

PRIDE AND PRIVILEGE

Over the years the House of Commons has become less pompous in defence of its pomp and privileges. In the 1950s, John Junor was and privileges. In the 1950s, John Junor was arraigned at the bar of the House for casting aspersions on how MPs used their petrol * allowances during the Suez crisis. By 1986, wiser councils prevailed when the Commons voted down a select committee recommenda-* " The last tion of stern action against Richard Evans of this newspaper for publishing details of a forthcoming committee report.

Yesterday, the Commons social security select committee published its response to a different kind of challenge to its pride and Line of the Contract of the Co prerogatives. The Maxwell brothers, Kever and Ian, had refused to answer questions during the committee's investigation into alleged fraud in the Maxwell pension funds. As tales of the fate of the pensioners emerge, the Maxwell brothers may not attract much a sympathy. Many might have enjoyed watching their rough treatment by the committee, the more so since its proceedings, unlike those of the courts, can be televised. Never mind. In Britain everyone is presumed innocent until proved guilty in a court of law.

In Britain the right to silence is widely regarded as a basic protection of that presumption of innocence. presumption of innocence.

However, these are natural rather than ahead of them. Yesterday's report from the committee is intended to address the question whether, having the power of demand the Maxwells' are

insist on it. The result is the dampest of damp squibs, and the issue is ducked.

The committee is defensive about its efforts to question the Maxwells. To have fundertaken an enquiry, but to have ignored the Maxwell brother. lent of suggesting to Shakespeare that he was mistaken to have included the Prince in Hamlet." But nobody suggests that the

existence of the Maxwell brothers should have been ignored: merely that the preparation of the report did not require them to be interviewed. Indeed, the committee has itself proved as much. Despite the Maxwells' refusal to co-operate, it produced a wellargued report on Monday on reform of the pension law. That, not the punishment of alleged malfeasance, is the proper role of a select committee of Parliament

Yesterday's report suggests another motive for committee members' eagerness to pursue the brothers the hope that a spot of unfinished business might help them back to their seats after the election. They had been prevented by lack of time from completing their enquiries, the report said, but all the members of the current committee ar standing for re-election and are committed after the election to pursuing the issues raised. in the report.

The committee must be aware that it has backed itself into a corner. To urge tough action against the Maxwells would attract further opprobrium from those who criticised the committee for the manner of its interrogation of the brothers in the first place. Not to take action might be taken as conceding that the committee had overstepped the mark, without the backing of the whole House. So the committee concluded that it had to be "a matter for our successor committee" to decide whether to bring the Maxwells before the House, and then "find an appropriate time to consider the question

of ... prime facie contempt of the House". "In political activity," the committee portentously remarks, "the question of timing is often as important as the subject itself." On this occasion, the question of timing simply means that the committee has an opportunity to save face by refusing to climb down before the election. And once the new Parliament is in place, the whole matter should be quietly dropped.

THE DARLING FACTOR

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Sir Ralph Richardson once said that "the art of acting consists in baseing that the art of acting consists in baseing the said that the art of acting consists in baseing the said that the art of acting the said that the said that the acting the said that the said that the acting the said that t coughing". His colleagues are now turning that art into the herding of people into polling booths. Nell Kinnock turned up yesterday with several "dear friends" at a "celebrity" press conference. Could the endorsement of Antony Sher, Colin Welland and Harriet Walter really help him to win the election?

Across the Atlantic, celebrity-endorsement is nothing new. Robert Redford, Warren Beatty and Jane Fonda support the Democrats, while George Bush recently wheeled on Arnold Schwarzenegger in New Hampshire c to "terminate" Patrick Buchanan. It did not work: with the the resilience of one of Mr Schwarzenegger's robot characters Mr Buchanan bounced back from every punch.

Until a few decades ago, the British were too haughty about their politics to resort to this technique. Why should someone who is good at television sit-com, or even at playing Hamlet, know anything about politics? But once famous people showed their pulling power, in advertisements from soap powder to car tyres, the political marketing men realised how powerful they could be.

Most people dislike politicians. But many of them respect — sometimes even idolise actors, sportsmen and pop stars. If their idol is prepared to vote Labour or Conservative, the naive theory goes, that group of politicians might not be so bad after all. For the depoliticised (and America has many more of them than Britain), the argument may hold, though it may not motivate people sufficiently to get them out on the day.

Once one party starts using celebrities, others follow suit. Celebrity war breaks out.

Labour has Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie. Lenny Henry, Sir Richard Attenborough, Prunelia Scales and Steve Cram. The Conservatives will fight back with Frank Bruno, Anthony Andrews, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Bill Wyman, Mike Gatting and Graham Gooch. The Liberal Democrats, trying to stand above the fray, will rely on the celebrity of Paddy Ashdown alone.

In due course, however, the posses of famous people supporting the two sides may cancel each other out. A few actors will get their pictures in the papers, but not much harm will have been done to the political process except to its dignity. The effect of endorsement will never be as strong in Britain as it is in America because, however much the pundits complain, politics here is more about policy than personality. Americans are voting for a head of state as well as a prime minister, and a head of state has to try to embody personal qualities that will make Americans feel good about being American. The Queen does that already for Britons.

Prime ministers merely run the country. Nor is Britain likely to be overnun with actors or sportsmen turned politicians. With the odd exception - Glenda Jackson, Sebastian Coe - skill in one is rarely seen as a qualification for the other. In countries such as Ireland, where voters are presented with a huge list of candidates at elections, it pays for parties to sport famous people: their names stand out on the ballot paper. And in America, the fame won by an actor is easily transferred to the hustings. In Britain, actors are free to enter politics, just as farmers or bankers or miners are. But to pull the votes, they have to be good politicians. A famous face is not enough.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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harmless flutter?

From the Chairman of the National Council on Gambling

Sir. Until now, British governments, of all political persuasions, have always accepted that gambling should operate within the limits of unstimulated demand. A national lottery of the type proposed in the white paper (report and leading article, March 7) inevitably implies that it is now the intention to encourage people to gamble by attracting as many participants to

subscribe as much as possible.
The bookmaking interests have alady indicated that the introduction of a national lottery would be regarded by them as an indication that the government had abandoned its policy of not encouraging betting and that the industry would then seek a lifting of the current restrictions on betting offices. This would be wholly undesirable in view of the inevitably increased incidence of excessive gambling and the disturbance to individuals, their families and society that results from this.

Furthermore, the establishment of a national lottery implies public acceptance of the idea that the arts. sport, heritage and other charitable purposes are lower division activities hich can never look to securing adequate finance from central and local public funds, or from individual and collective private charity, and must seek help through inciting people to gamble.

These developments are particularly deplorable since this country already has more opportunities to gamble than most other places.

Yours faithfully, E. MORAN, Chairman, The National Council on Gambling. 26 Bedford Square, W1.

From the Reverend Dr Kenneth G. Greet

Sir, The proposal to introduce a state lottery is an appeal not to the fine instinct to support charitable causes, but to that acquisitiveness in all of us which, in fact, undermines true generosity. The home secretary's assertion that the lottery would provide the chance of a harmless futter" thows a lack of awareness of the insidious effects of gambling on some members of the community and a disregard of the dubious history of state lotteries. The verdict of an eminent Victorian statesman that gambling was "a vast engine of demoralisation" is only one of a

chorus of caveats. . . When the lawmakers act without informed consideration of the moral implications of their actions the results can only be detrimental to the best interests of the community. This perverse proposal should not be Ms Gina Rozner allowed to reach the statute book Yours sincerely.

KENNETH GREET. Redcroft, 89 Broadmark Lane. Rustington, West Sussex.

From Mrs R. J. Pratt

Sir. Since the permutations of the pools coupons have always baffled me, I look forward to a simple flutter on a "good causes" national lottery. Pace Mr Roy Hattersley, this does not mean that I shall forsake the claims of the local hospice or church roof fund. I just want a little fun. Yours sincerely, HARRIET PRATT,

Sheepcotes, Chigwell Row, Essex.

From Dr P. G. Sayer Sir, The introduction of a national lottery? But we already have fine examples in education and the NHS. Yours faithfully, PHILIP G. SAYER, 23 Blacklands Place, Lenzie, Glasgow.

From Mr John K. Winget Sir, How long will it be before the nationalised lottery is privatised? Yours sincerely,

JOHN K. WINGET, 25 Conway Crescent, Perivale, Greenford, Middlesex.

Dirty elections From Mr B. S. Hyman

Sir. In view of claims that this is going to be one of the dirtiest elections of all time, it is worth recording that in the first edition of Punch, dated July 17, 1841, there was a table headed "A synopsis of voting, arranged according to the categories of 'cant".

There was also a poem, called "A Commentary on the Elections", the last two lines of which read: so if there's no election I should like to find out what all the quibbling and fibbing,

placarding and blaggarding, losing and winning, beering and ginning and every other etcetera has been about.

Yours faithfully, B. S. HYMAN, 4 Priory View, Bushev Heath, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Lawrence James Sir, Could any politician explain the difference between 18th-century par-liamentary candidates who show-

ered voters with brandy, beer and roast beel and today's who broadcast promises of tax reductions and all' sorts of future benefits in cash and kind? The only one that I can think of is that the former spent their own money and the latter ours.

Yours faithfully. LAWRENCE JAMES, St Leonard's House, South Street, St Andrews, Fife.

Primrose path or Why engineers deserve support fessional, someone who is often in

From Mr Kenneth Warren, MP for Hastings and Rye (Conservative)

Sir, Your criticism (leading article, March 9) of the general calibre of UK engineers is a propaganda gift to our foreign competitors who will ensure that the customers we are trying to capture read the bad news. Engineering qualifications are a display of competence and not the concoction which you ridicule as alphabet soup". To obtain mine [CEng] I spent years working through an apprenticeship on the

factory floor, at evening classes and university. My experience is common. Project cost over-runs are the excep-tion, rather than the rule you imply. When our engineers are given the requisite authority and resources required to deliver on time, on cost and at the specified quality they are world-beaters. Boards festioned with accountants, lawyers and ad men are

not able to design, produce and sell.

As chairman of the Select Committee on Trade and Industry leading a group which returned today from a view of export opportunities in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan I can assure you that new markets there are wide open for UK equipment for power generation, air and ground transportation, public utilities and quality assurance of the environment.

I wish Sir John Fairclough well in

his task of establishing a central bureaucracy for engineers. However, I trust our scarce engineering resources will not be wasted in committees when the best export market opportunities today are engineering-led and are crying out for British bidders.

Yours faithfully, KENNETH WARREN. House of Commons.

From the Chairman of the Engineering Council

Sir, A new and refreshing perception of the work of professional engineers has emerged from a recent independent study in some secondary schools. This contrasts starkly with the "perceived class bias" to which you refer in your leading article of March 9, that engineers work with

grubby hands".

The signs of this emerging attitude came from an evaluation in a number of schools operating our neighbourhood engineers' schemein which professional engineers and teachers work together to present a career in engineering in a positive and constructive way. The general opinion from the young people is that the engineer is a skilled pro-

Beaches and blue flags From Mr Guy Linley-Adams and

Sir, The Marine Conservation Society would certainly not attack any programme that aims to clean Britain's beaches and bathing waters as BIII Frost suggests in his report, "Holiday beaches criticised" (March 5). The society, however, has criti-cised heavily the new seaside awards which we believe will instil in the public a faise sense of security with

regard to bathing water safety. Until 1991 a European blue flag was awarded to those beaches with waters that achieved the minimum standards required by the EC bath-ing water directive. In 1992 this award will require bathing waters to reach much stricter guideline standards.

In an attempt to avoid the embarrassment of many of our resort beaches without their annual flag to fly, the Tidy Britain Group, supported by the English Tourist Board and the British Resorts Association,

Council tax valuations

From Mr James R. B. Liell Sir, Your local government corres-

within a band — usually below £40,000; £40,000-£80,000; £80,000-E120,000 - and so on, and presum-

Twinning in cattle From Mr Philip Paxman

Twinning in cattle, as in sheep. does occur spontaneously. It is not many years since twinning in upland sheep was regarded as undesirable. but following improvements in hustakes key decisions. In addition to references to "designing and producing", building oil rigs and building the Channel

charge of major projects and who

tunnel, one youngster summed up: Engineers are like doctors, lawyers and accountants." Two other responses were: "There is glamour in being an engineer. You have a lot of freedom, you invent things, you try out new ideas" and "I fancy the travelling, designing and building machinery, and using computers to help you design."

The composite picture of an engineer from the pupils at an all-girls school is of "someone who designs and makes things ... people who actually work ... do something creative ... design things on computers". It comes as a pleasant surprise to read how some young people see engineers. Another good omen for tomorrow.

Yours faithfully. JOHN FAIRCLOUGH. Chairman, The Engineering Council, 10 Maltravers Street, WC2. March 10.

From Eur Ing R. Sabry-Grant

Sir, The importance of the engine to society has been recognised for generations on the Continent, where the Diplom Ingenieur is state-conferred in many countries. In Germany, for instance, the resulting title, Ingenieur, and its higher academic derivatives (e.g., Dr Ingenieur) become legally a part of the titleholder's name and are used naturally at work and in the community. In this country, the title of Eur Ing (European Engineer), when con-ferred upon suitably qualified en-gineers, brings Britain into line with mainland practice.

The engineering profession is seek-ing to put its own house in order in a hostile environment. It has long since earned a status and rewards comparable to those afforded to other professions in Britain (as you commented in a leading article on November 5, 1991). The continental practice of conferring and reserving a title that indicates formal professional preparation deserves serious consideration as an encouraging interim sign of good will from the com-munity that this profession serves.

I am. etc... RALPH SABRY-GRANT. 32 Grange Gardens, Pinner, Middlesex. March 10.

has resurrected the old-style blue flag that the EC now considers to be too

Award. This new award will not signify excellent water quality - it can be awarded to those beaches with bathing waters only achieving a pass of the minimum standards required by European law.

The fact that this new Seaside Award will also be represented by a blue flag at the winning beaches is further evidence that the scheme is designed to con the public into believing beaches have excellent water quality and deserve a special award, when the water may simply be achieving a borderline pass of the minimum standards laid down by the EC in 1976.

Yours sincerely, GUY LINLEY-ADAMS, GINA ROZNER, Marine Conservation Society, 9 Gloucester Road, Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester.

pondent ("Estate agents taken to task over faulty tax valuations", report, February 24) reveals that a surprisingly large number of errors have arisen in the preparation of council tax valuations by estate agents - in some cases more than 50 per cent of the batches recently checked by the District Valuer's Department of the Inland Revenue have been "failed".

As a chartered surveyor who de-cided not to bid for any of this work. I am intrigued by these revelations and I have been trying to work out how such a large proportion of valuations could have been "wrong". I have come to two conclusions: 1. The valuer has to put a property

Sir, Your letters (March 3) on embryo transfer and twinning in dairy cattle raised the important issue of animal welfare, of which this association is wholly mindful. In England the principal method of embryo distribution and transfer is through specialist veterinary cattle practices. The veterinary surgeon, having responsibility for the health and welfare of the herd, is the person best placed to judge the type and number of embryos to be transferred, and to give guidance in relation to husbandry and welfare measures.

ably the discrepancies have ansen where the value of the property is, say, approximately £40,000, £80,000, £120,000, etc., where in today's difficult market it is not easy to establish whether a property is worth, for example, £39,000 or £41,000. 2. Presumably the valuers concerned

do know what they are doing and properly understand the task. Other things being equal, they would be in a better position to set the open marker value of a property rather than the Inland Revenue who are not involved in the day-to-day marketing of houses.

The report states that "the Inland Revenue is valuing nine million homes itself and the (Inland Revenue) report shows that its record is better than that of the private sector valuers". That's hardly surprising, is it?

Yours sincerely, J. R. B. LIELL, 3 Barnswell Close. Brixworth, Northampton.

bandry, nutrition, pregnancy diagnosis and housing it is now the norm. New technology must be

ethically managed, not prohibited. Improvement in product quality. however, not quantity, is the main prize of the new breeding methods. Seventy per cent of European beef is of dairy herd origins, which explains why the great majority of it falls short of reasonable consumer standards.

Now it is possible for every farmer to

meet market demands by supplying

beef of the very best quality from every dairy cow. Yours faithfully. PHILIP PAXMAN (Chairman, European Trade Association for Advanced Animal Breeding), Animal Research Station. University of Cambridge

307 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. March 5.

Threat to Sofia

newspaper From Mr Stefan Prodev

Sir, The survival of the most widely read Bulgarian daily newspaper, Duma, is at stake. Drawing upon repressive legislation recently en-acted by parliament, the minister of finance has drafted an order for the confiscation of the Duma publishing house together with all its publica-

This would be a devastating blow against freedom of expression in Bulgaria and would amount to a major reversal for the still all-too-fragile democratic process in the

country. Duma today is indisputably the major opposition daily in Bulgaria and a considerable commercial success. It has a total print of some 260,000 to 300,000 copies and for the past two years it has enjoyed the largest number of regular subscribers — 128,000.

It was launched in April 1990 to express the point of view of demo-cratic socialism in present-day Bul-garia. It has enjoyed full editorial independence and thus has gained acceptance among broad sectors of the reading public well beyond socialist circles. A growing number of non-socialist authors have chosen to publish their comments in Duma because of the increasing lack of non-

governmental publications. The banning of Duma would amount to a grave breach of both the Constitution and the laws on political activity, enacted during the past two years.

The government has attempted to seek a legal basis for its action from a law passed by the present parliament, which allows the confiscation of the property of political parties and public organisations considered to have been part of the

old system. In the case of Duma, its only previous relationship with the Bulgarian socialist party was the transfer of property from a former

newspaper rim by the socialist party. The executive order for its confiscation, if applied, would lead to the ridiculous situation where the government would become the pub-lisher of the main opposition daily and the rest of the Duma publications. Furthermore, the government would thereby appropriate all the funds and resources that we have

managed to save. With sincere best regards, STEFAN PRODEV (Editor-in-Chief).

Duma. Tzarigradsko Chaussee 47; Sofia 1000, Bulgaria.

Plea from Sverdlovsk

From Mr Ansel Harris Sir. Mrs Likhoda's cri de coeur from Sverdlovsk (letter, March 9), calling for advice on how to set up her business enterprise, has an authentic

Last year, on a mission to Hungary sponsored by the Know-How Fund. this partnership took part in a number of seminars and consultancies for potential new business people in Budapest, Szeged and Pecs. In each of these cities we found an almost total ignorance of the mechanisms and demands of the market economy among former managers and aspiring entrepreneurs, and an equal innocence of its ethos, criteria

and modus operandi. In the light of this experience we recommended to the Know-How Fund that at least a part of its nugatory funds should be applied to the writing, production and dis-semination of open and distance learning packages, imparting basic business skills and methods.

It seemed to us that the British Council, already in situ in a number of the formerly communist countries of Eastern Europe, was ideally placed to service such a programme, and that a businessman/woman should be specially seconded to the

council for this purpose.

Sadly, our recommendations fell on deal ears. I must that the same will not apply to Mrs Likhoda's eloquent

Yours faithfully ANSEL HARRIS. MBA Partners, 23 Ferncroft Avenue, NW3. March 9.

Wrong sort of numbers

From Mr T. S. Preston Sir, British Rail is grateful to The Times Diary (March 12) for drawing its attention to the fact that some of the 1.5 million copies of its passenger's charter were delivered on time but with the pages in the wrong

Under the terms of the "printer's charter, we shall be asking our supplier for an immediate cash

Yours sincerely, SYDNEY PRESTON (Director, Information Services), British Railways Board. Euston House, . 24 Eversholt Street. PO Box 100, London NW1 1DZ.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 12: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Queen held a Council at

There were present: The Right Hon John MacGregor, MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Lynda Chalker, MP (Minister of State Foreign and Commonwealth Office), the Right Hon Christopher Patten, MP (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster), and the Right Hon Angela Rumbold, MP (Minister of State, Home Office). Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in ittendance as Clerk of the

Council. After the Council, The Queen pricked the List of High Sheriffs for the Counties of the Duchy of

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Lieutenant Colo-nel Sir John Johnston at the Requiem Mass for Sir Charles Villiers which was held in the

Brompton Oratory, London
SW7, today.
The Princess Royal this
afternoon presented the Ritz Club
Charity Trophy at the Cheltenham National Hunt Racing

CLARENCE HOUSE March 13: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by the Earl of Dalhousie, KT, at the Requiem Mass for Sir Charles Villiers which was held in Brompton Oratory this morning. KENSINGTON PALACE March 12: The Prince of Wales, President, Royal Naval Film,

Birthdays today

Miss Valerie Amos, chief executive, Equal Opportunities Commission, 38; Mr Walter Annenberg, American diplomat, 84: Sir Raymond Bell, former vice-president, European Invest-ment Bank, 76; Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Director-General of Fair Trading, 91: Mr Terence Brady, playwright, novelist and actor, 53: Professor C.O. Brink, classicist, 85: Str Terence Burns, economist, 48: Lord Butterworth, economist, 48; Lord Butterworth, 74; Sir Michael Checkland, direc-tor-general, BBC, 56; Miss Lesley Collier, ballerina, 45; Mr Myles Formby, qualaryngologist, 91; Sir Robert Mark, former commis-sioner, Metropolitan Police, 75; Lady Audrey Morris, 82; Captain H.N. Nevile, Lord Lieutenant of H.N. Nevile, Lord Lieutenant of Limeticstrie, 72: Air Commodore Heien Renton, former director, WRAF, 61: Mr Neil Sedaka, singer and composer, 53; Mr Jim Slater, former chairman, Slater Walker Securities, 63: Sir Reo Stakis, hotelier, 79; Major-Gen-eral D.A.L. Wade, 94.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will open the Tweedvale Mill Industrial Estate, Walkerburn, Perbleshire, at 2.00; will visit the offices of the Scottish Borders Enterprise. Galashiels, at 3.00 where he will launch the Mobile Learning Re-source Centre and attend a recepand will visit the Tweedbank Indoor Bowling Rink for an award gathering at 4.10.

Hertford College, Oxford

The Hertford College Record, last issued in 1987, will be published later this year. Will any old member who has lost contact with the college, or has not advised a change of address please write to Mr Derek Coorns, Hernord Colyour matriculation date, occupa-

Lecture

Royal Society Professor J.F.A.P. Miller deliv-ered the 1992 Croonian Lecture to the Royal Society at 6 Carlton House Terrace yesterday evening.

Corporation, anended the An-mual General Meeting on board HMS Boxer (Captain Richard

Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser, RN, was in attendance. His Royal Highness received
the Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs (The
Rt Hon Douglas Hurd, MP) at St
James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell, Bt. at the Requiem Mass for Sir Charles Villiers which was held in the Brompton Oratory, London The Princess of Wales. Patron.

Turning Point, today visited the Bedford Centre at Bedford Hall, hedford Road, London W13. Her Royal Highness sub-sequently visited the St Christopher's Fellowship project for homeless young people at St Bernard's Wing, Ealing Hospital,

London W13.

Wing Commander David Bar-ton, RAF, was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE March 12: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, London Suzuki Group, was present this evening at a Concert at the French Institute, 17, Queensberty Place, London SW?.

Mrs. Howard Page was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE March 12: Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Peter Clarke at the Requiem Mass for Sir Charles Villiers which was held in Brompton Orstory, London SW7, this morning.

Dinners

Defence Council The Secretary of State for Defence and Mrs King, with members of the Defence Council and their ladies, were the hosts at a dinner held yesterday at Admirally House to bid farewell to Sir Michael Quinlan, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, and Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, retiring Chief of the General Staff. Among others present were the Earl and Counters of Aren, the Non Archie Handlion, MP, and Mrs. Handlion, Lady Chapple, Field Morghal Sir Beitand and Lady Chapple, Field Morghal Sir Beitan and Lady Chapple, Field Morghal Sir Beitan and Lady Chapple, Admiral Sir Julian and Lady Inge. Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Inge. Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Inge. Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Househ, Archief Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Househ, Professor and Mrs Rouselon McEntonsh, Professor and Mrs Rouselon McEntonsh, Professor and Mrs Rousel Counters and Mrs and Mrs Rousel The Secretary of State for Defence

Gardeners' Company
Mr R.C. Balfour. Master of the
Gardeners' Company, assisted by
Mr D.E. Dowlen and Mr E.M.
Upward, Wardens, presided at
the spring court dinner held last
night at Carpenters' Hall. Professor G.T. Prance, Director of the
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Mr
P.T. Rippon and Mr C.R.G.
Shewell Copper also spoks.

Service dinner

Leudon University OTC Licutenant Colonel A. E. Wallington, Commanding Of-ficer, and Officers and Officer Cadets of the London University Officer Training Corps held their annual dinner last night at Yeo-many House. Licutenant-General Sir Garry Johnson, Inspector General Doctrine and Training. was the guest of honour and Major K.J. Bruce-Smith, Second-in-Command, presided. The Mayor of Camden and Mr Nell Thorne, MP, was among others

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Cowbridge School.

The Packenhams, the celebrated family of writers, gathered at the South Bank Centre, London, yesterday to witness Thomas Pakenham winning the 1992 W. H. Smith literary award with his book, The Scramble for Africa. From left, Clare Packenham, Lady Rachel Billington (Thomas's sisters), Kevin Billington (brother-in-law), Countess of Longford (mother), Kevin Packenham (brother), the Earl of Longford (father), Lady Antonia Pinter (sister), her husband Harold Pinter, and, Thomas's wife, Valerie

Early retirement 'would rob law of best brains'

BY FRANCES GIBBLEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Bridge of Harwich, aged 75, who has just stepped down as a senior law lord, has criticised the Lord Chanceltor's proposal for making judges retire earlier. He says that if the proposal were already in force it would have robbed the law of some of its finest brains.

Speaking at the Holborn Law Society dinner in London, Lord Bridge said that reducing the judicial retiring age to 70 would be a mistake, to reduce it to 65 a disaster and to 60 "sheet

bloody lunacy". Last week, Lord Mackay of Clashfern announced the proposals to reduce the retiring age of judges — now 75 for High Court and above and 72 for circuit judges — to 70. The week before, Lord Irvine of Lairg, tipped to be Lord Chancelor if Labour wins, also proposed an earlier

retiring age, of 65.

Lord Bridge said that three of the country's most distin-

Mr Tony Raban, Chairman of the Association of Graduate Careers

Advisory Services from 1979-81. has been appointed Secretary of the Cambridge University Careers Service. He will succeed Mr

Bill Kirkman, who is retiring, and will take up office on November 1.

Elected dato research fellowships with effect from October 1992 In the research feature project on "Early Cartstlathly: Origins, Growth, Triumph and Tragedy': Seth R. Schwarze, Call edited Heissel, Wolfram Utrigh Kinzig.

Professor Richard Roberts, who took up the chair of divinity last October, has emblished the In-

stitute for Religion and Human Sciences in St Mary's College,

with the aim of providing an inter-disciplinary centre for the study of religion.

Elections

KINGS COLLEGE

guished judges of the second half of the twentieth century, Reid, Denning and Diplock, sat well after those ages and made outstanding contribu-tions to the law: "What incalished judges of the second culable impoverishment of law would there have been if each had been constrained to retire at the age of 70, let alone any earlier age."

A lower retiring age would also have a damaging effect on judicial manpower at a time when the Court of Appeal was already struggling to tackle its backlog of work. Nor would drawing on the pool of solicitors make up the deficiency which would be caused by reducing the retir-

ing age, he said.
Another effect would be that judges would have to be appointed younger, which would "cream off from the practising profession prematurely those who are displaying the best legal talents. That is not going to be for the good of the legal profession."

University news

Honorary degrees Mr Terry Waite, former hostage, LLD; Sir Peter Ustinov, DLitt.

Dr Alistair Stanyer Burns to be Ben and Marianne Porges profes-sor of the psychiatry of old age.

Dr Alan Jonathan Silman to be ARC professor of rheumatic dis-

eases epidemiology, from March. Mr Paul John Madden to be professor of mathematical

conomics, from March 1.

A lower retiring age would do nothing to assist judges carring out their work, including interpreting the ever-increasing volume of "opaque legislation"; "holding the scales of justice between the citizen and the executive in the now crucially important area of judicial review and in developing the common law, he said.

"The cry is, older means less in touch. Are younger judges more in touch — in touch with what? In touch with the views of the common man? With youth? Is this really necessary for the discharge of our judicial functions?"

Lord Bridge asked whether judges really needed to con-sult, for instance, the "lesbian and gay lobby, and single parems' association, before we decide whether the minister's decision to confirm a compulsory purchase order was within the powers of the stander" The answer was no.

New appointments

Wales COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Requiem Mass

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Lieutenant-Colorepresented by Lieutenant-Colo-nel Sir John Johnston and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by the Earl of Dalhousie at a memorial Requiem Mass for Str Charles Villiers which was con-

Michael of Kent were present.
Father Wilfred Tighe was the principal celebrant and was assisted by Father Theodore Pontanari and Father Ignatius Harrison. Mr Nicholas Villiera, son, and Lord Aldington read the leasure. Mrs. Digna. Mergangangan son, and Lord Addington read the
lessons. Mrs Diana Negropomte
and Mrs Anne Kesterion, daughters, said the bidding prayers.
Lord Carrington, CH, gave an
address. Mr Edward Heath, MP,
and the Belgian Ambassador and
Baroness Dehennin attended.

Among others present were:

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Appointments

Mr John Hedger, an Under Secretary in the Department of Education and Science, to be a Deputy Secretary in the DES from March 19, in succession to Mr John Wiggins, who is being seconded to another department.

Mr Jastice Mantell to be a Presiding Judge of the Western

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Mr Marcus Back to be Chief
Executive of the Queen Elizabeth
II Conference Centre Executive
Agency.
Mr John Hedger, an Under

Mr Justice Mantell to be a Presiding Judge of the Western Circuit for four years from next Lord Justice Farquibarson to be Chairman of the Judicial Studies

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr O.D. Atkinson and Miss K. Jhaveri The engagement is announced between Owen, son of Dr R.E. Atkinson, of Queensbury, and Mrs A.J. Atkinson, of Hexham, and Kashmira, daughter of Jayant and Sununda Jhaveri, of Sai Kung, Hong Kong.

Dr R.G. Bell and Miss C.A. Woolley The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs L.G. Bell, of Southstoke, Bath, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.B. Woolley, of Abergavenny, Gwent.

Mr J.E. Cheer and Miss J.L. Johnson The engagement is announced between James Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.E. Cheer, of Southfields Farm, Kirton,

daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Johnson, of Burton Hall, Boston, Lincolnshire. Mr.J.K. Child and Miss H.R. Slade The engagement is announced between James, son of Mrs Joan

Child, of East Sheen, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Slade, of Epsom, Surrey. Mr C.R.N. Coleman

Mr C.R.N. Coleman and Miss J.V. Francis The engagement is announced between Roddy, son of Mrs Joan Coleman, of Southport, and Jilly, daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Geoffrey Francis, of Mr M. Honkey

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of His to Hon Judge Christopher Hordern, OC, and Mrs Hordern, of Chelsea, London, and Iona, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Robin Buchanan, of Estfauld Lodge, Loanhead, Midlethien Midlothian.

Mr M.N. Meacham and Miss C.M. Brown The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Barry Meacham, of Haddenham, Buckinghamshire, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Brown, of Barcelona, Spain.

Mr A.J. Peachey Mr AJ. Peachey
and Miss A.M. Armstrong
Mrs G. Buck, of Wike, West
Yorkshire, and Mr J. W.
Armstrong, of Harrogate, North
Yorkshire, are pleased to
announce the magagement of their daughner, Anne, to Adrian, elder son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Peachey, of Shirley, Surrey.

Dr C.W. Pugh and Miss E.M.J. High The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Professor and Mrs Geoffrey-Pugh, of Edgbaston, Pugh, of Edgbaston. Birmingham, and Elisabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Higton, of Keston, Kent. Mr MLS. Sharwood

and Miss M.L. Burns The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and. Mrs. Alan Sherwood, of Hampstead, London, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Burns, of Regent's Park,

Mr D.K. Swales The engagement is announced between Darren, only son of the late Mr Keith Swakes and of Mrs Pamela Swales, of Clitheroe, Lancashire, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Wood, of Beausale,

The marriage arranged between Mr James R. Milne and Miss Alexandra Jane Hardey will not

Marriage

Commander J.E. Dykes, RN and Mrs L.A. Padwick

The marriage took place on sanarday, March 7, at the Church of St. Thomas a Becket, Warblington, of Commander John Dykes, elder son of Captain and Mrs. H.E. Dykes, of Huskisson, Australia, to Mrs. Liv Padwick, daughter of Hr and Fru. A. Kraft-Lund, of Hamar, Norway. The Rev Canon Douglas
Caiger officiated.

Come make love to me" she said. But Joseph refused "Thinh of my master", he said "He leaves the manage-neent of his whole house to me, he has trusted me with

MONTHS

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MEDGER - On March 12th 1992, at Grasmere Nursing Home Worthing Rev Visiet Hedger L.L.A. BD 1988 92 years The Erst woman baptist minister. An exceptional friend and minister Thandlogista Service at 11.30 am on Wednesday March 18th at Christichurch Road Baptist Church, Worthing, followed by cremation Donations in lieu of flowers for the Baptist Luich, Home Medium Plandmay be sent to HD Tribe Ltd. 130 Brondwaler Road, Warthing, West Songer, Int. 19933 254516

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LEBIHAM - 'On March 9th, suddenly at Colchester. Rev Father T Paul Lesthan, priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster and the Royal Army Chaplains' Department Depart regretted by brothers and sisters, friends and colleagues. Funeral from Our Lady of Victories. High Street, Kensington. Reception or remains, and Vespers. 6 pm on Wednesday March 18th. Requirem Mass. 11 am Thursday March 19th Enoutries to E France & Son 071-406 4901

LONG - On March 11th 1992, peacefully at The Devonshire Nursing Home Eastbourne, Joan Inée Littleton), aged 82 Joan inée Littletoni, aged 82 years, wife of the late Sir Bettragn Long. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium. Wednesday March 25th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries and foral tributes to Haine & Son Lid., 19 South Street. Eastbourne. (0323) 27801

BOMPERTZ - On Thursday
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PARKS-SMITH - On Imer. 10th. very suddenly at Walmer, Aline Hume, widow of LI Cot R.G. Parks-Smith Res. Cressity served insuling of David and Jill. and devoted David and JBB, and devoted grandmother. Private cremation on March 18th followed by Service of Thardsgiving at St Michael and Alf Angels. Royal Marines School of Music on Thursday March 19th at 12 noon. Flowers and esquiries to E.B. CaveR. 25 Albert Road, Danl. 1et; (G304) 373275.

PERKANI - On March 12th 1992, Gwythne, aged 91 years, of Downham Market, Norfolk, formerly of Middleton-on-Sea, Suppress. Middleton-on-Sas, Susserv. beloved widow of Cyril and mother of David, Funeral at St Mary's Church, Denver, Downham Market, 2 pm March 18th, followed by private cremation family only. Family flowers only to Stripes. King's Walk. Downtern Market.

CHARG - De March 11th in Lisbon, Jacques Romano, in his 92nd year Widower of Lucie and beloved father of Debora and Alberto, Sadly mused by his grandchildren.

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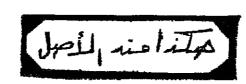
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PULVERULENT (a) Dusty, covered with powder, from the Latin pulvis dust: "On abelies pulveralent, majestic stands his undisturbed library." FALDSTOOL

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Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers Mr Raymond H.J. Paimer, President of the Incoporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, was host at the society's annual luncheon

held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Hugh R. Jenkins was the

OBITUARIES

Richard Brooks, American

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ing for Mr Goodbar.

Hollywood career as a script writer. He arrived with a reasonable track

record as a journalist, specialising in

sports reporting, after graduating from the Temple University School

of Journalism in Philadelphia. He had also published a novel, The

Brick Foxhole, written while he was

later bought by RKO and under the

Brooks's own scripts, which

started after he had left the marines,

were rather less distinguished at the beginning. Cobra Woman (1944), a

farrago with Maria Montez, Jon

Hali and Sabu, had some fairly

risible lines, which might not have been of Brooks's making. Happily

he moved on to classier material, co

writing Robert Siodmak's The Kill-

ers and doing the same with the director John Huston for Key Largo.

Both films won acclaim for their

The first film he directed himself

was Crisis (1950), based on a

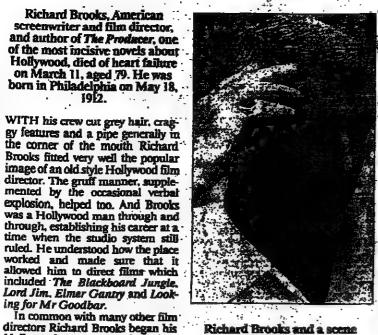
George Tabori story, for MGM with Cary Grant, a sombre thriller carry-ing much of the mood of those earlier films. Deadline USA (1952)

reunited him with Humphrey.

economy and tension.

indictment of anti-semitism.

RICHARD BROOKS



Richard Brooks and a scene from Cat on a Hot Tin Roof with Paul Newman and Elizabeth Taylor

gradually garners the respect of a classroom of slum kids made its mark as a piece of Fifties social realism, although it looks fairly sextimental today. But it also had, as the credits unrolled, a number called "Rock Around the Clock" played by a group named Bill Haley and the Comets.

Brooks later confessed himself surprised by the success of Jungle, which had begun as a tale of idealism based on the Evan Hunter novel. The reviews were not all that favourable, but the public queued at the box-office. And no-one could deny that Brooks helped spawn the whole rock 'n roll movement.

Thereafter he torned to more literary subjects, regularly leaving the present. The Brothers Karamazov (1958) was long and star-studded, with Yul Brynner, Maria Schell and Richard Baschart. No-one could complain about lack of fidelity to Dostoevsky in the script, which Brooks provided himself. But it did not spark the imagination. By the time of Lord Jim (1964) he was in a sufficiently powerful position to act as his own producer. It, too, was long but attracted a lot of publicity because of its cost and its far eastern location scenes, Jim was chosen for the Royal Film performance of really brought Brooks to the attention of the cinema going public. The O'Toole and James Mason in the subject story of a teacher (Gleng Road) who cast it was also seckoned a rather on the Sinclair Lewis novel of a and its treatment no qualins now.



heavy affair. The cynics began to say that Richard Brooks himself had become the victim of the Hollywood which he had analysed so probingly in his novel. The Producer, published in 1952.

This ignores his success in transferring two Tennessee Williams plays to the screen: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof and Sweet Bird of Youth. He sanitised the scripts a little, judging that what was acceptable in the theatre might not be so on the screen scarcely a concern which applies nowadays. But under his direction Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman gave powerful performances in Cat

Brooks an Oscar. In it he directed Jean Simmons whom he married shortly after filming had finished, when her divorce from Stewart Granger came through. The marriage was dissolved 17 years later.

Gantry, with strong performances from Burt Lancaster and Shirley Jones and a score by André Previn, still stands up well and could be considered Brooks's best film. Its shortcoming, in common with Lord Jim and Karamazov, is excessive length. In Cold Blood (1967), based on Truman Capote's piece of reportage of a family murdered by inneras there had been with Tennesse Williams, in spelling everything out. Nor did Brooks feel many con-

straints in Looking for Mr Goodbar (1977), with Diane Keaton as a teacher of deaf children who turns into a less saintly person when she cruises the Manhattan singles bars by night. When it was unwisely scheduled for BBC TV in the Christmas of 1984 it was hastily dropped even after cuts had been made.

Richard Brooks regularly worked with Hollywood's biggest stars and quite often he got the best out of them. His cinematic principle was that if you can write it then you can direct it. That was what he put into

APPRECIATIONS

Jam Sadiq Ali

FURTHER to your obituary (March 7) on Jam Sadio Ali. the controversial chief minister of Sind province in Paki-stan may I be allowed to make the following points?

Firstly, no mention was made of the great affection with which the Sindhi and Muhajir people still held Jam Sadiq Ali after his 12 years of exile when he returned to Karachi in April 1989. This reioicing was due mainly to his personal and political acts of kindness which the Karachi people remembered with adulation when they turned out in thousands to welcome

In London, too, while in exile, his home was a haven for Pakistanis who needed advice and support. A warm, generous hearted and witty man, he inspired great affection in others.

Your obituary stated "He fled to London after the coup as he feared arrest for his involvement in the murder of six members of the opposition Muslim League." This needs

fairer detailed explanation. Jam Sadiq Ali, a Shiite Muslim, had been until the late 1960s an ardent supporter of the Pir of Pagaro, the leader of the Hurs, a fanatical group who believed that death in the service of their leader would ensure a passage to heaven.

Just before the election in 1970 Zulfikar Ali Bhutto managed to win Jam Sadiq All's support away from the Pir, who seemed then responsible for the revenge assassination of one of Jam Sadiq's closest associates, Ali Baksh Juneio in 1973.

Bhutto's government wished to crush the violent Hurs and in so doing committed acts of equivalent violence against them. Possibly because of this Jam Sadiq, a man of compassion and infectious zest for life, showed at times recurring unexpress grief which he masked with a form of Bacchanal self-punishment that probably even-

He did not merely flee from Karachi (after Zia's coup in 1977) but escaped from arrest in one of his brilliant moves for which he became famous. He had been tortured in an attempt to force him to sign a confession to

tually led to his own death.

incriminate Bhutto but had refused. He still bore the marks of his shackles and torture while he was living in exile in London. Yahya Khan visited him in London in a vain attempt to persuade him to act as a witness against Bhuno. Jam Sadiq remained loyal to the latter and while in exile spoke

of his daughter Benazir's optimistic courage. It is a tragedy for Sind that, later, Benazir Bhutto and Jam Sadio Ali could not mutually work with their considerable talents to bring peace and social justice to the

with admiration and respect

province. When he returned to Karachi in April 1989 Jam Sadio Ali humbly offered his services to transform his beloved Sind into a "cradle of peace and tranquility." As your obituary acknowledges, he did achieve much of his objective, yet at his death he might well have recollected the haunting verses of the Sindhi

poet, Shah Abdul Latif: "This is the salt cry of Sind As I die let me feel

the fragrance of tears."



Bernard Krikler

MAY I add an appreciation to your obituary of Bernard Krikler (February 21), who was my friend for nearly 35

dably intelligent and wellread. His wide circle of friends included a number of writers and I suspect that for all of us - certainly for myself - Bunny was a key figure in that private, internal audience - the audience within the audience - whose good opinion we most value. He was sympathetic but choosy, hard to please and harder still to fool.

He himself was sharply aware that he had not made the most of his very considerable natural abilities. I think this awareness became doubly important to him last

summer, after he learned that he was terminally ill. It was as though he took a deliberate decision that, having not done as much as he might have with his talents during his life, he would at least use them to die well.

The first time I saw him after his cancer was diagnosed he said, in an off-hand way, that he couldn't get some lines of Andrew Marvell's out of his head: "He nothing common did or mean Upon that memorable SCETTE.

From then until the end he kept scrupulously to the high standard of behaviour he had set himself. His wit, good humour and intellectual ap-petite never faltered, nor did his alertness to other people's feelings. Once again, and for the last time, he was setting an example for his friends to live up to.

A. Alvarez

WILLIAM ARROWSMITH

and Mas C M Wood William Ayres Arrowsmith, educationist, died in Brookline, Massachusetts, on February 20 aged 67. He was born in Orange, New Jersey, on April 13, 1924.

> AS A passionate believer in similar proposals. As a scholar, Arrowsmith the humanities and their relevance to modern life. William Arrowsmith was an outspoken critic of what he called "the hideous jungle of academic bureaucracy" for sacrificing graduate education to trivial research, "the cult of the fact", and career training. His most noted outburst came in 1966 when, as keynote speaker at a conference of the American Council on Education, he accused educators of creating "a vacuum of leadership". His audience of 1,400, composed of the very university presidents. deans and trustees he was attacking, stood and

applauded. It was a time of ferment on American campuses: the era of Vietnam and battles over civil rights. Arrowsmith called for the creation of "uni-

Royal Society and Foundation

for Science and Technology Sir Michael Atiyah, President of

the Royal Society, and Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the

Foundation for Science and Techroundation for Science and Technology, presided at a discussion luncheon held yesterday at the Royal Society. Dr Allan Bromley. Science Adviser to the American

President, also spoke. Among

versities of the public interest", designed to develop a moral compass to address social issues, and returned to this theme in 1984 when he served on a panel for the National Endowment for the Humanities which endorsed

was best known as a translator, both of the classics and of modern works. Among the classics he translated into English were dramas by Euripides and Aristophanes., and he was editor of the 33volume The Greek Tragedy in New Translations, published by Oxford University Press in 1973. More recently, he edited Nieuche's Unmodern Observations in 1989. He was also founding editor of The Hudson Review, The Chimera, and Arion, and an editor of Delos. Mosaic, American Poetry Review, and

Pequod. Arrowsmith, who was a Rhodes scholar, received Guggenheim, Wilson, and Rockefeller fellowships, and took bachelor's and master's degrees at Oxford.

REAR-ADMIRAL KENNETH WESTON

Rear Admiral William Kenneth Weston, CB, OBE, who was chief engineering officer on the staff of the commander-in-chief Plymouth, 1954-58, died on March 10, aged 87. He was born on November 8, 1904.

KENNETH Weston was closely involved in marine engineering development after the last world war. In the late 1940s he helped found the naval wing of the National Gas Turbine Establishment at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, which led research into a new generation of engines for British war-

ships.
From there he went to Manchester as the Admiralty's district engineer overseer for the northwest (including Northern Ireland) where he became associated with, among other things, production of the new triangular Deltic engine for fleet minesweepers (a design which, interest-ingly, had its origins in a German aircraft diesel engine of impressive power/weight ratio, which had fallen into allied hands in the last days of the war; it also enjoyed a very successful career with British Railways, powering a famous generation of diesel locomotives). He also took part, during his final appointment as a rear admiral at Plym-outh, in early discussions over the adoption of planned maintenance, though the system of programmed refits and replacement of spare parts for ships was



Weston was born at Redhill, Surrey, into a family which had made its money from salt mines. But his father, a city businessman, died when he was less than a year old and he was sent as a boy to the Royal Naval College, Osborne, thence to Dartmouth and, finally, to the old engineering college at Keyham,

After a succession of postings on shore and at sea during the 1920s and 1930s,

he found himself serving in the Mediter-ranean at the outbreak of the second world war. He returned in 1939, however, to spend much of the war in the engineers' department at Bath. From there he was posted to the staff of the flag officer destroyers in the Pacific and spent the last twelve months of the war as fleet engineer officer in the depot ship HMS Tyne, supporting frigates and destroyers in the fight against Japan.

In 1946 he went with the fleet to Hong Kong where part of his job was to help get the local railways running again returning to this country towards the end of the same year. He was appointed OBE in 1945 and created CB in 1956.

After retiring from the navy in 1958 Kenneth Weston was for many years a member of the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Salters (to which his family had belonged since the start of the last century) serving as master in 1963. He also became chairman of his local branch of the British Legion and treasurer of the parochial

church council. In latter years, however, he derived most pleasure from a developing interest in alpine flora. He and his wife spent all their holidays, armed with a camera, photographing plants on the lower slopes of Europe's mountain ranges. Admiral Weston is survived by his wife. Mollie, whom he married in 1934, and by their son and two daughters.

The Bishop of London, Dr

A further three cautionary sermons are planned. The organisers had hoped for 3,000 people yesterday. In the event, only 100 turned up. 'All prayers for next time gratefully received, " said a member of the bishop's staff.

better advertised in the firbire."

Dr Hope, described by profile writers as "left-leaning"

told his waterlogged flock; "It is so easy to put our heads down and pursue another day

into the morning rush with-out a thought for God or anyone else." Across the road, outside the Bank of England, two men - heads down and pursuing business - collided and locked umbrellas. Dr Hope expressed his re-

lief that the election had at last been called. "It is my fervent hope that that all Christian people will pray for discernment and right judg-ment as they consider carefully the manifestos set before theru," he said.

Half a dozen young German tourists left before the homily was over to gambol and take pictures of each other at a war memorial in front of the Royal Exchange.

Stirling Page, a personnei officer with merchant bankers Morgan Grenfell, was more impressed: "The bish-op is an inspiring speaker. It is pity the weather and the publicity had not been March 13 ON THIS DAY

(Sir) Charles Cochran (1872-

1951) in his letter of March 10 stated that "The producer reads a manuscript and decides to produce it...He engages a director...the ector is the man who trains and rehearses the actor..." Cochran's first production was in 1897, his last in 1949.

PRODUCER AND

DIRECTOR TO THE EDITOR OF

Siz.- The confusion which Mr.

Cochran says exists in the public mind regarding the functions of that comparative newcomer to the theatre, the "producer", and that still more recent arrival, via Hollywood, the "director", is scarcely surprising. Not many years ago plays were written by authors and "presented" by managers, some of whom -such as Sir Henry Irving, Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, and Sir George Alexander - were also gifted actors. In those days it was assumed that a play's producer, or, manufacturer, was its author, the manager who staged it being the sale man - often a highly skilled salesman whose attractive presentation of his wares raised him to the level of an artist, though scarcely to that of a creative artist.

It is since the actor-manager disappeared that the "pro-ducer" has come into his (and other people's) own. Occasionally the person so described has been a first-class actor, but more often he has been an actor of not more than modes attainments. Now it would seem, if we accept Mr Coch-ran's definition, that he is simply our old friend the manager, with the difference that he is no longer content to "present" plays, but insists that he has "produced" them which seems to me as reasonable as it would be for Mr Selfridge to claim to have

1934 produced the goods which, like Mr Cochran, he presents with

much artistry. No reasonable author (if such a person exists) will now-adays object to an actor claiming to have "created" a character which the dramatist

may have presumptuously imagined was brought to birth in his own brain; but not a few authors are feeling a growing, though doubtless futile, resentment of the claims made and the prominence arrogated to themselves by various skilled but creatively unproductive servants of the theatre who are announced at having "pro-duced" or "devised and supertheatrical

vised" entertainments One play that has now been running for months in London, and has now been staged in New York is announced daily in The Times as being "directed" by a lady for whose talents in presenting plays and rehearsing actors I have a very high respect, but I have searched your theatre advertisement columns in vain for the name of the harmless, necessary author - although The Times is one of three daily of an author's name is (in the words of a playwright's produc-tion contract) "customary and

I am also informed in your advertising columns that "Sir Oswald Stall presents Ludwig Berger's The Golden Toy", and it is an almost inaudible voice that goes on to whisper that this is "A Romantic Play by Carl Zuckmayer". Doubtless in this case it is intended delicately to intimate that the scenic merry-go-round that Mr Berger directs is a much grander affair than the play. but the instances I have quot (and many others) leave me wondering where mere au-thors, and even actors - both of whom triumphantly existed for centuries before the birth of the producer - are fated to rank

in the theatre of tomorrow.

I am. Sir, your obedient and
mystified servant, HARRISON OWEN S. Kensington S.W.5.

many lighters.

And agriculture as the designer control of the second of the designer control of the second of the Jenkins was the speaker. Others present included:

Sir Marcus Roy, Mr. Mr. Romaid Bernstein, Qc. Mr. Alam G Hood, Mr. Parrick J Quinn, Mr. Rox Shmiler and Mr. James Wilson.

Water sports 'threat'

By JOHN SHAW

THE National Trust has lodged an objection "in the strongest possible terms" to plans for a big water sports scheme to be sited next to its first nature reserve at Wicken Fen near Ely, Cambridge-

The fen, part of a hamlet between Newmarket and Ely. is one of the last remnants of the great fens of East Anglia now largely drained and given over to rich arable farmland. It is a grade 1 site of special scientific interest. The trust received European recognition for its management of the reserve last year with a

Europa Nostra award. Merlin Waterson, regional director for East Anglia, said Wicken was the trust's oldest reserve, with the first land

purchased in 1899. The National Trust believes that this site, which it has protected for more than 90 years and which it is charged with protecting for the nation for ever, could be seriously affected by the proposed development and that the planning application should be rejected."

not introduced until after his time.

BIRTHS: Joseph Priestley, clergyman and scientist, Birstall, Yorkshire, 1733: Charles Grey, to first nature reserve

> The scheme would transform Burwell Fen farm, next

to the reserve, with the building a series of holding banks to flood 110 hectares of Grade 1 and 2 farmland and create lakes holding 2.4 million cubic metres of water. There would be an associated club house, 100 floating cortages and a car park. The application is now with East Cambridgeshire district council

The nature reserve has already been given special protection by the district council's local plan and the must says that the visual impact of the scheme would bring about totally unacceptable changes to the unique fen landscape.

At night, light from the club house and floodlighting would disturb wildlife and research into moths could be affected. At present the site is a refuge for many species of plant and animal life including 16 species of dragontly and many hundreds of speries of invertebrates.

The site is visited by 35,000

neonie a year.

Anniversaries

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Tizard, oceanographer and navigator, Weymouth, 1839; Percival
Lowell, astronomer, Boston,
Massachusetts, 1855; Hugo
Wolf, composer of lieder,
Windischgraz, Austria (Slovena
Gradec, Yugoslavia), 1860; Sir
Hugh Walpole, novelist, Auckland, New Zealand, 1894;
George Seferis, poet, Nobel laureate 1963, Smyrna, 1900.

ate 1963, Smyrna, 1900.

DEATHS: Richard Burbage, actor, London, 1619; John Frederic Daniell, chemist, inventor of the electric cell, London, 1845; Alexander II, emperor of Russia 1885-81, assassinated, St Peters-burg, 1881: Benjamin Hárrison, 23rd president of the USA 1889-93, Indianapolis, 1901: Stephen 93, Indianapolis, 1901; Stephen Vincent Benet, novelist and poet, New York, 1943; Angela Brazil, winer of girls school stories, Coventry, 1947; Sir Frank Worrell, West Indian Test crick-eac, Kingston, Jamaica, 1967.

Reception .

British Safety Council The Rev Martin Smyth, MP, was host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons for the British Safety Council's presenta-tion of Five-Star Health and Safety Management Awards.

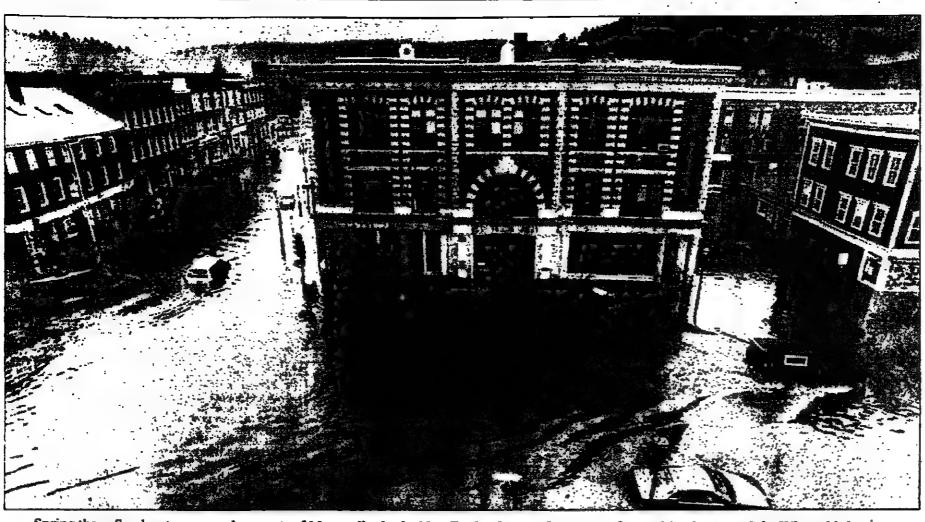
Dr Hope's lonely warning to the City

MANY were called, but few braved the wind and the rain yesterday as God and Maremon clashed in the City.

David Hope, climbed the steps of the Royal Exchange to deliver a homily warning against ruthlessness, greed and wickedness. The ruthless, the wicked and the avaracious passed by on the other side of the street.

A handful of wheelers and

dealers joined the windswept congregation yesterday. Phillip Storr Ventor, company secretary of the Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Co (UK), said: There are a lot of ruthless people in the City. Let us hope that these events are.



Spring thaw: flood waters cover the streets of Montpelier in the New England state of Vermont after melting ice caused the Winooski river to burst its banks. An emergency has been declared in the area and the National Guard has been called out to co-ordinate rescue efforts

state sector has fiercely resisted reforms which might make it profitable.

The polithuro also brought

back to life Mr Deng's fam-ous saying that "It does not matter whether a cat is black

or white as long as it catches mice". Hitting out at hardliners who insist that a line must be drawn between

what is capitalist and what socialist, the politburo decid-ed that it really did not matter

ery much. The *People's Daily* did not

so much as utter hardline pet

phrases about Western sub-

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Politburo backs Deng on reforms concrete signs of the reformist

Continued from page 1 thrown his enemies into disarray. There are reports that ed to block the transmission of Mr Deng's reformist message through the party hierar-chy. Others, who Mr Deng

be scrambling to prove their reformist credentials and save their political lives. That category is believed to include LI Peng, the prime minister, and Jiang Zemin, the Communist party general secretary, both of whom serve

has criticised for blocking his

reforms, are believed now to

Trying to steer a middle

path, Mr Deng has always tailored his message to the times. When he has wanted to promote liberal economic reform, he has warned against "the left". When he has been alarmed by pro-democracy demonstrations he has warned against "the right". Were the democracy movement to gain momentum

once more, analysts believe that Mr Deng would swing back to an "anti-right", or anti-liberal, position. The po-litburo advocated "more courage in reform and opening, boldly bringing forth new ideas, and daring to experiment". There are more

Krishna sect sees election kick off

Continued from page 1 with the local Tory-controlled Hertsmere council, which has been trying to prevent the manor being used for public worship because, it is claimed, the August festival of Janmastami — Krishna's birthday - attracts too much

traffic into the village. That Mrs Kinnock chose to make her appearance the day after an election was announced was, all sides insisted, coincidental. It was also coincidental, they said, that at the moment Mrs Kinnock was watching a bullock ploughing display, the Court of Appeal was hearing the latest round of the temple's battle against the council.

Shown round by Sruti Dhama, the head priest, wearing a brown woolly puliover over his pale orange dhoti, Mrs Kinnock settled herself into a classroom of under-lives. Being a teacher two days a week, she was instantly in command. "Who are all those funny men who have come into the room?" she asked the bemused infants. "Shall we have a com-

message which has resur-

faced in the past two months,

Peking has given permis-sion for a third stock market to open, this time in north China. The Economic Daily said yesterday that new economic zones were to be set up in areas along the Russian, North Korean and Mongolian borders to encourage trade and foreign investment. Zhang Youcai, the deputy fi-nance minister, has issued a warning that China has three years to turn around its debtridden state sector, which has lost 31 billion yuan. China's

funny men takes the best pic-

Ching Mr Deng, the polit-buro said it would "tightly seize the party's policy of one centre, two basic points' unture in tomorrow's papers?" waveringly for the next one hundred years". In party ter-minology, the "one centre" is Later, in a brief moment of eriousness, she said: "I have known for many years how important this place is to the Hindu community. Hopeful-Deng's hardline critics say ly it [the dispute] can be re-solved to the satisfaction of that Communist ideology. not economic progress, should be at the "centre" of the community and the people living in the village." party policy. The "two basic points", which the politburo also decreed should continue She went in to a lunch of pakoras and three types of vegetarian curry, and came out with the gift of a takeaway for Neil's supper. for 100 years, are the leader-ship of the Communist party

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Maxwells' silence was contempt, say MPs

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Mirror Group Newspapers pension fund, were asked to appear before the committee in December but declined. Letters from their solicitors at the time said that they had to comply with court orders and needed to deal with matters arising from "the collapse of numerous companies".

They were summoned again on January 13 but re-fused to answer any of the questions put to them by comnune members.

The committee decided to send a questionnaire to all the trustees, making it clear that the answers would be made public. Three people refused to co-operate: Ian and Kevin Maxwell and Michael Stony, treasurer of the pension fund The refusal of the Maxwell

brothers to give evidence has been most harmful to the committee's activities," the report said. The committee said that it was unable to obtain information on the structure and control of the Maxwell empire, or how the pension fund operated.

Lack of time had prevented members from doing any-thing other than make a start on its enquiries into the plundering of assets from the pension fund, but committee

members were anxious, if re-elected, to continue their work, the report said.

There is no doubt that to refuse to answer questions in front of a select committee is a serious matter. The House of Commons expressed its view in a resolution agreed on August 12, 1947, 'that the refusal of a witness before a Select Committee to answer any question which may be put to him is a contempt of the house and an infraction of the undoubted right of this House to conduct any enquiry which may be necessary in the public interest." the re-

port said. "Aithough we believe that Ian Maxwell and Kevin Max-well should be brought before the House for their refusal to answer questions properly put to them by the select committee, this has to be a matter for our successor

The report added: "We also trust that they [the House of Commons] accept that there is a need for them to find an appropriate time to consider the question of Mr Ian Max-well and Mr Kevin Maxwell's prima facie contempt of the House."

Leading article, page 17

Political sketch

Paradise lost in the bear garden

Weep, Tories! Wednesday was not a bad dream. The fruit-and-nut cases really have decided to call a general election now. Starship Westminster has moved into its terminal phase before they pull the destruct" lever at Buckingham Palace.

Over in the House of Lords, peers whiled away their final hours discussing the merits of hard-boiled eggs, while in the Com-mons there was a development of the direst sort. Our representatives moved into after-dinner mode. MPs were saying goodbye. Hon members started

quoting Great Men and Women of History. The PM quoted Shakespeare. The Leader of the Opposition quoted Thatcher. Sir Ber-nard Braine quoted Burke, Andrew Faulds quoted An-drew Faulds, and Harry Ewing quoted the House of Commons barber.

I have thought hard be-fore writing this. I have asked myself whether there is anything anything, so noble as to justify comfortable, congratulatory speechmaking by elderly men. Sadly, I have had to conclude that there is not. "Sadly." because there can be no higher object of a sketchwriter's admiration than our retiring Speaker, Bernard Weatherill; and it was Mr Weatherill whom MPs came to Westminster

to praise yesterday.

First, just for old times' sake, the Chamber enjoyed 15-minute orgy of throatbusting tonsil-ripping up-roar. It was their last roar. It was their last question time. They would send their Speaker away with a rollicking example of what he will miss next year, as he dandles the little grandchild-Weatherills on his knee.

Labour barracked so nobody could hear Mr Major; the Tories howled so nobody could hear Mr Kinn-ock; and anonymous miscreants made squeak-ing noises while Dame Blaine Kellett-Bowman (C. Lancaster) tried to speak.

Mr Speaker gazed, lovingly and a little misty-eyed, at this paradise garden in which he now took his last stroll, and which he must soon leave-450 grown men and women stabbed their fingers in the air and yelled fit to bring the rafters down, and I should like to record that tears of nostalgia rolled down Mr Speaker's cheeks, glanced from the woolly skirts of his full-bottomed

wig, and splashed onto his tights ... but I cannot. From where I sit, I could

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Little passed of note. Mr Ashdown has been agitat-ing recently for a televised debate between himself, Mr Kinnock and Mr Major. Yesterday Ken Livingstone put the proposal to the prime minister. Replying, the PM ruled it completely out. At this point there was a rush of enthusiasm from Mr Kinnock for the idea. Why wouldn't the PM

agree?
Mr Major quoted a remark about verbosity taken from Shakespearean comedy. Mr Kinnock trumped this with a quote from Thatcherite tragedy: "He's frit". There was much bay-

ing on all sides.

Which is why we were perplexed, later, when the lather of the House. Sir Bernard Braine, paying his tribute to the Speaker, said: I sometimes wonder what a rabble this would be, were it not for you and your predecessors". I sometimes wonder what Sir Bernard calls "rabble".
"I think it was Edmund

Burke who said . . . " mused Sir Bernard. When a speaker says this, thinking people rush for the doors. Though that would have been to miss Andrew Faulds (Lab. Warley E). "So impartial have you been," he told the Speaker, "that I have never been able to tell whether you admire and of me ..." Mr Speaker's face was a mask of impartiality. "Or consider me a total benk". A hint of a smile played on those forgiving Weatherill features. The House roared its assent to the second of Mr. assent to the second of Mr Faulds's proposals.

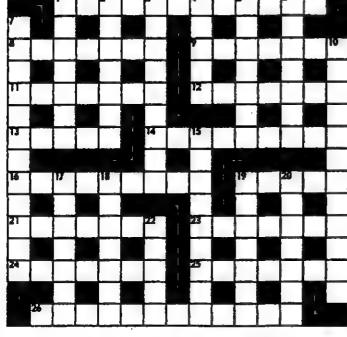
And laughed when Harry Ewing bade Mr Speaker a Scotsman's farewell. During a haircut yes-terday, he told us, the Commons hairdresser had enquired about Mr Ewing's majority and commented "You should be safe, sir".

"I did not tell him that, like you, I am retiring," said Mr Ewing, "He might have expected a bigger tip". These were the high-lights. The rest was worthy the usual Commons exchanges by the fact that MPs meant what they were saying. On the whole, it's preferable when they don't. It was Edmund Burke, I

MATTHEW PARRIS

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I Sweet drink token by a goat, say

- S King of Spain's daughter's admirer in medern army (7).
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- 16 Odd contrivance for changing motion (4) 19 Not a friendly type, this col-umnist is
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23 Almost a giant wearing light-weight fabric (7).

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- Sign briefly in the first place (7). 26 Perhaps one emerges with hon-our as a trader in Leicester (12).
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- 3 He may put on a semi-transparent coal (9).
- 4 Comes to a halt in a grassy area Supply with excessive weaponry.
- making deliveries thus? (7). 6 Vessel suitable for the Owl's
- companion? (7). 7 This may draw attention to cases
- involving a charge (4-8). 10 Ordinary freedom Tom and Maggie Tulliver enjoyed when
- young? (3.2,3,4). 15 In disguise, removing in case of recognition, perhaps? (9).
- 17 Nurse is in church without her
- 18 Sounds like Paul Revere's compound¹ (7).
- 19 Acting unwisely like Trinculo (7). 20 Smith's lather embracing Emma's protégé endlessly (7). 22 Partially revise a Glenn Miller

Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

The southern half of England and Wales will start cloudy with patchy rain or drizzle, but most places will brighten up in the WORD-WATCHING afternoon. North Wales, northern England, southernmost Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sleet or snow showers. A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? The rest of Scotland will have snow showers, with significant drifting over high ground. It will be very windy everywhere. Outlook: Cloudy with patchy rain over Wales and southern England. Brighter elsewhere but with wintry showers. By Philip Howard

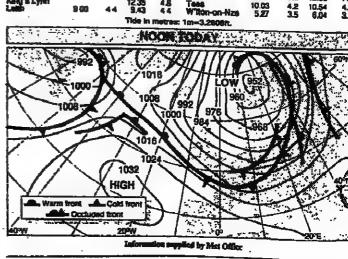
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Bank to 'co-operate fully' as only survivor denies involvement

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



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NON-EVENT



Today's row is tomorrow's non-event, say the wags of Brussels. Will they be proved right over common European social policy, from which Britain has Stuo batero

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Peter Earl, the merchant banker who made failed bids for the Storehouse group and Extel, saw his Tranwood vehicle collapse last year

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DTI to examine NatWest chief's Blue Arrow role

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORPESPONDENT

THE trade department has launched a fresh enquiry into the Blue Arrow affair to investigate the role played by Tom Frost, the chief executive of National Westminster.

The announcement comes three days after NatWest appealed to Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, to reopen the enquiry after allegations in the press that the bank had withheld vital documents and information from the original

The department, however, has made clear that it is launching the investigation regardless of the bank's

Mr Lilley has ordered an

enquiry under Section 432(2) of the Companies Act, under which the department mounts the enquiry with its own funds, instead of a Sec-tion 431 investigation, which are requested and normally paid for by the company. A spokeswoman for the department said the enquiry had been ordered as a result of information given to the

trade secretary.

The investigation will examine the affairs of NatWest, and particularly the roles played by the bank's senior directors in the £837 million rights issue for Blue Arrow, the employment agency group since renamed Man-power in 1987.

After the rights issue failed, three senior executives of ties offshoot, retained a 9.8 er cent stake in the compan that they illegally failed to report. They were later found guilty of conspiracy. County also indemnified the Union Bank of Switzerland against

losses on a further 4 per cent stake. The trade department's original Blue Arrow report. published in July 1989, was highly critical of NatWest and led to the resignations of three of the bank's senior directors and the early retirement of Lord Boardman. Mr

Frost was the only executive

director who remained and he has always maintained that he knew little about the

Blue Arrow affair. Last month, three senior employees of County and one from UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, were found guilty of conspiring to mislead the stockmarket and were given suspended sentences.

During the trial, the court saw documents from NatWest with Mr Frost's handwriting. Last week, an article in The Economist, based on court records, said the original trade department enquiry had only seen un-marked copies of these documents. At the trial, Simon Morris, the secretary to the enquiry, said he was sur-prised that he had not been supplied with one of the an-

notated minutes. The department has ap-pointed Michael Crystal, QC, and David Spence to the enquiry, the inspectors in the original Blue Arrow investigation. They are expected to begin when Mr Spence re-

nums from holiday. The task will increase an already heavy burden on Mr Crystal, who is acting as counsel for Touche Ross, the accountant, in the liquidation of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Mr Crystal is one of the country's leading commercial barris-ters and charges an estimated £3,000 a day for court ap-peasances. To help spread the workload, Victor Temple, another barrister, has been anpointed as a third inspector.

The inspectors have wid owers under Section 432(2). They can order NatWest and any other company to produse relevant information and interrogate witnesses under oath.

Lord Alexander of Weedon, the chairman of NatWest. said he was pleased with the decision. "I welcome today's announcement from the secretary of state. The bank will co-operate fully with the inspectors and will now look forward to the speedy resolution of the enquiry," he said.

NatWest has said that Wilde Sapte, its solicitors during the first trade department investigation, has confirmed that it did not hold back documents from the inspectors.

Mr Frost has also publicly denied that he had witheld anything from the earlier in-quiry. "Similar suggestions were put to me at the Blue Arrow trial when I gave evidence for the prosecution. I utterly rejected them then and I do so again now," he

According to his evidence in court, Mr Frost took part in a meeting in July 1987 at which the rights issue was approved. But he was not informed when County took the stake after the issue failed in September since he was in America at the International Monetary Fund conference.

In his letter to Mr Lilley on Monday, Lord Alexander said that NatWest found it difficult to refute the allegations due to a possible appeal from the defendants in the first case and the possibility of a second trial. "We are advised that the doctrine of contempt of court makes it inadvisable for us to argue the facts publicly," he said.

The trade department has



Executive welcome for enquiry: Lord Alexander of Weedon (left) and Tom Frost

The tribulations of 'Teflon Tom'

BY OUR BANKING

THE trade department's decision to open a new enquiry into the Blue Arrow affair is a further blow to Tom Frost in his III-fated role as chief executive of National Westminmer Bank.

During the Blue Arrow trial, counsel for one of the er seemed to stick to him.

defendants revealed that Mr Frost's nickname was "Teflon Tom", because criticism nev-If one thing has stuck since,

Since then, it has been downhill all the way. A string of Third World debts writeoffs, heavy losses in securities and in the American operation and, most recently, rising bad debt provisions have taken a heavy toll on NatWest's however, it is the nickname,

which he deeply dislikes. Mr profits and balance sheet. sources. It lost £173 million Frost became NatWest chief Last month, it reported a pre- last year, although it is now tax profit of just £110 million for 1991, putting the bank in fourth position behind Lloyds, Barclays and Abbey National

This is not the first tough job Mr Frost has held. In 1978, he supervised Nat-West's application to buy National Bank of North America, now NatWest Bancorp, and was appointed its president the following year.

Since then, NatWest Bancorp has been a continual drain on the group's reback in profit.

The Blue Arrow affair has dogged Mr Frost throughout his time as chief executive and used up hundreds of hours of his time. Now, it seems, he will be embroiled in vet another chapter.

He is due to retire next year and NatWest is already grooming possible successors. These include Derek Wanless, the deputy chief executive, and John Tugwell, the head of the American operations.

Bovis secures **Games** contract

BY JOHN BELL

THE P&O construction arm. Bovis, is believed to have wor the contract to manage the \$1 billion building project for the centenary Olympic games, which will be staged in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996. Official confirmation is expected in the next few days.

More than 75 competitors were involved in bidding. Bovis has emerged successfully from a shortlist of 11 rivals. A spokesman for P&O would not comment yesterday.

Earlier this month, Bovis won a contract for the El billion_second phase of the Euro Disney theme park in France after completing phase one on schedule. P&O is also "preferred carrier" to Disney for sea-borne tourists from Britain. The second phase Disney project is ex-pected to take more than two years to complete.

The four-year construction programme in Atlanta includes two athletics stadiums, the Olympic swimming facilities, accommodation for athletes and officials, roads and transport infrastructure and a communications network.

Confirmation of the contract will provide a further boost for Bovis Construction, the group subsidiary which specialises in project management on a fee basis. Bovis ploneered the fee-based construction management business in Britain and was heavily involved with Marks and Spencer in its store development programme.

Bovis Construction acquired the Atlanta-based company McDevitt and Street some time ago. Since then Bovis Construction has become the biggest construc-

During the run-up to the Olympics, Bovis will be responsible for co-ordinating design work, analysing and approving budgets and schedules. In addition, Bovis will devise systems and procedures for the administration of the contract.

At present Bovis is one of the bright spots within P&O and is understood to have a significant workload internationally. At the time of P&O's £600 million rights issue last August, P&O said the operation had weathered the recession, the level of its order book was increasing and that it was well placed for growth.

CBI plays down sales rise

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE Confederation of British Industry cautioned against excessive optimism after its survey of high street trends showed the seventh successive month of improved sales in Britain's shops.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said there had been an "underlying increase in retail trade since the summer of last year:" However. he added that the improvement comes from a low base, and retailets continued to report "below-normal" sales for the time of year. Mr Whittaker's low-key as-

sessment is in tune with the CBI's determination to remain on the sidelines during the election campaign despite the political sensitivity of its economic surveys. Results from the organisation's monthly industrial trends en-

on March 27, just 13 days before polling takes place on April 9. Although the CBI praised the Budget as "prudent and positive", officials have ruled out any public sment of Labour's shadow budget. "We have to work with whichever government is elected," said one. Mr Whittaker added credence to

the CBI's neutral stance when he suggested that the economy should benefit from an end to electoral uncertainty. Comparison of January and February sales volumes with results in the same months of last year is hazardous because of the heavy snow in Britain last winter. That resulted in exceptionally poor sales in the high street.

in three years.

However, replies from 15,000 firms questioned for the CBI's survey of distribu-

Tuesday's Budget, also showed car dealers expecting gains in sales for the first time

Overall, the percentage of retailers reporting sales higher than a year ago exceeded those reporting lower sales by a positive balance of 24 per cent. But a negative balance of 4 per cent reported sales below normal for the time of

In March, a positive balance of 7 per cent expected sales up on last year, but sales volumes are expected to remain below normal. The better signs were accompanied by evidence that the rate of job shedding in retailing has accelerated. Companies also appear to have further curtailed their investment plans.

BCCI writ issued by liquidator

executive in July 1987, when

the bank was riding high. It

had just reported a profit of

£1.01 billion for 1986, which

made it the largest and most

profitable bank in Britain,

outshining the performance

of its age-old rival Bardays.

BY NEIL BENNETT

TOUCHE Ross, the fiquida-tor of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International, has issued a writ against Price Waterhouse and Ernst & Young, the

It accuses the firms of negligence, breach of duty and breach of contract in auditing the bank's accounts for 1985 and 1986. PW and Ernst & Whinney, Ernst & Young's predecessor, were joint auditors of BCCI until 1987, when PW took on sole responsibility. Last week, Touche filed a similar writ against Ernst over the auditing of the 1986 accounts.

The writs have been filed in time to come within the sixyear limit on opening legal Fighting red tape, page 26 action under British law.

bank's auditors.

Election worries weaken sterling

AND MICHAEL CLARE

THE pound dropped more than a pien-nig to below DM2.86 as currency market sentiment became increasingly. gloomy. Dealers were waiting for post-Budget opinion polls for guidance on the electorate's mood.

Lingering hopes of an early base-rate cut, which had already all but vanished after the Budget on Tuesday, were finally killed yesterday when Spain announced a surge in annual inflation to 6.8 per cent in February, from 5.9 per cent in January. Some analysts had predicted that good inflation data would enable Spanish interest rates to fall. This could have given Norman

Lamont leeway to lower UK base rate. As it was, sterling remained pinned to the bottom of the ERM. After losing more than half a pfennig overnight, it held steady above DM2.60 for most of

the day, but dropped to DM2.8593 at the official London close at 4 pm. Share prices and government bonds also continued to lose ground. Investors

are beginning to face up to the possibility of a Labour victory, or a hung parliament. The FT-SE 100 Index closed just off the bottom with a fall of 29.1 at 2,493.3, for a two-day fall of 81.5. Selling pressure remained light, however, and by the close only 483 million shares had been traded.

Government securities were overshadowed by the weak pound. Prices at the longer end shed £4 while indexlinked issues lost £4. The rampant dollar, boosted by strong American retail sales figures, put pressure on the pound on a second front. It dropped more then two cents to finish at \$1,7055. This pushed sterling's trade-weighted index down 0.6 points to 89.7. The threemonth sterling interbank rate, seen as a pointer to base rate moves, firmed to

Paul Chertkow, chief currency strategist at Citicorp, said the a hung parliament, seen in the City as the most likely outcome of the election, was probably the worst possible scenario for the

John Major told the Commons that the government would cut interest rates further "as and when it is right to do so". The financial markets have ruled out any easing in base rate from its present 10.5 per cent until well beyond the election.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, sought to remove doubts about Labour's commitment to taking sterling into the narrow bands of the ERM at its present central rate of DM2.95. He told Reuters news agency that Labour would hold the "existing central rate".

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Coal plan is dead, **ABP** says

BY MARTIN BARROW

Plans to build a £150 million

terminal were abandoned last month after PowerGen, one

of two electricity generators involved in the project, re-

quested a delay, apparently

until after the election, before

Labour Party officials have

indicated that coal imports

might be blocked by a Labour

government. Yesterday. ABP again denied there had been

political pressure to drop the

proposals. Sir Keith Stuart, chairman.

said the decision to cancel was prompted by a late re-

quest from PowerGen to de-

fer agreements that had been under negotiation for 18 months. "The scheme for a dedicated coal import facility is dead," he said. "They

(PowerGen) had their chance

and they missed it." He said

Immingham was "bursting at the seams"; additional

deep-water capacity was es-

ABP, Britain's biggest

pons group, announced a de-

cline in pre-tax profits from £60.2 million to £31 million

in 1991. The results were in

line with a warning by the

company in January.

The total dividend is increased from 7.25p a share to

8p, with a final payment of

4.9p (4.5p). The shares fell 11p to 348p, but remain 29p

above the price that obtained when the profit warning was

The company has provided a further £29.7 million

against property develop-ments, resulting in an overall loss of £29 million on proper-

The core ports and trans-port business increased prof-

£76.1 million, with total ton-

from £59.5 million to

contracts were signed.

ASSOCIATED British Ports insisted that plans to build Britain's largest coal import facility would not be resurrected, whatever the outcome of the election. Alternative uses, including containers and grain, were being considered for the capacity that would have been taken up at Immingham, Humberside.

TI chiefs to lose bonuses

THE 40 or so top executives at TI Group, the specialist engineer, will lose their performance-related bonuses after pre-tax profits fell from £128.4 million to £105.2 million in the year to end-

The biggest loser will be the

chairman, Christopher Lew-

inton, who accounted for £328,000 of the £720,000 paid out to the top managers last year. But shareholders are not sharing the pain: a final dividend of 13.5p gives a total of 20.5p, up 5 per cent on the 19.5p paid last year. Mr Lewinton said the increased payment, which re-duces dividend cover from 2.8 times to 2.2 times, reflected IT's progressive dividend policy. "We obviously have confidence in the future of the

company and we have the resources to do it." He is taking a cautious stance on prospects for the current year and is not hailing "straws in the wind" in the form of increased orders for some products, particularly American automotive components, as evidence of a pronounced upturn. TI expects no recovery in Britain until 1993, while a return to growth in America in the second half of this year will be very slow when it comes.



RTZ profits slide 39% to £308m

KTZ Corporation, the world's largest RTZ Corporation, the world's largest mining group, where Sir Derek Birkin (right) is chairman and Robert Wilson chief executive, reported a 39 per cent fall in net attributable profit to £308 million for last year.

Lower metal prices accounted for £1 million of the selback and reduced volumes for £21 million. North American profits £11 from £206 million.

can profits fell from £296 million to E183 million, while RTZ made a E2 million loss in Britain against profits of £18 million. However, RTZ is holding its

final dividend at 13.5p, making an unchanged total of 19.5p. The shares rose 20p to 559p.

The £308 million result is after an

exceptional item of £46 million, net. RTZ also made a £103 million extraordipary provision, below the line, essentially to cover the now-moribund Bougainville copper mine in Papua New Guinea. Sir Derek and Mr Wilson believe RIZ's fortunes will improve as world economies and metal markets revive. RTZ's balance sheet is sound, the

low-cost base can be trimmed further and RTZ can cope financially with expansion and development projects. However, the prospects for 1992 are overshadowed by the recessions in America and Britain and by slower growth in OECD economic

Capital plans include a \$880 million smelter and refinery expansion in Utah and at least a dozen other potential projects in various parts of the world.

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Motor manufacturers look to Budget measure to boost production

Car output for exports falls 16%

CAR exports continued to slide last month, underlining the rapid slowdown of overseas markets combined with the difficult domestic conditions faced by the motor manufacturers

nage rising from 101 million tonnes to 106 million despite Total production from British car factories in the first the recession. Since the yeartwo months has gone down end, the company has agreed to buy a 45 per cent stake in Tilbury Container Services from to 209,737 from the 222,632 recorded in the same period last year, a fall of and secured a contract to 5.79 per cent export Toyota cars from Grimsby when production at Derby begins later this year.

Output rallied slightly last month, with factories turning

cent ahead of February, , but there are still no clear signs of a significant revival for the industry. With registrations 12 per

cent down in the home market last month, the lapse in exports is starting to worry Output for export dropped

almost 16 per cent in February to 48,007, compared with 56.962 in the same month of last year. Over the first two months of the year, export production is down by 18.3 ruary to 21,315, a 13.2 per per cent on last year's 109,547. All Britain's main manu-

facturers are now geared to high export sales and a significant slowdown could force further production cuts and put hundreds more jobs in danger in an industry suffer-

ing greatly from cutbacks. However, there were signs at last of gains for the hard-hit commercial vehicle industry. Both domestic and export production increased in Febcent improvement on February, 1991. Exports at 12,966 were 45.5 per cent up.
In spite of the wavering in

car exports, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders was optimistic, particularly after the Budget measures to halve the special

car tax to 5 per cent.
Sir Hai Miller, the
SMMT's chief executive, said: "With the Budget boost for the home market, the out-

Abbeycrest damaged by soaring bad debts

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ABBEYCREST. Britain's largest jewellery manufactur-er and supplier, said that despite extensive discounting by retail jewellers at Christmas which stimulated volumes, the market still contracted by 20 per cent and bad debt soared in the most challenging year the group had faced.

The group has made a charge of £494,000 against the profit and loss account to cover bad debts and future provisions after several of its retail customers went out of business. Pre-tax profits in 1991 fell from £4.31 million to £3.35 million on sales of £60 million down from £60.2 million. Earnings per share fell from 3.6p to 3.2p and the

ATP COMMUNICATIONS

making a total of 3.2p (3.6p). Michael Lever, the group's chairman, says current trading levels are marginally behind those for the same period last year. "The general economic outlook, together with the depressed state of the retail jewellery market, do not create grounds for optimism in the short term. In the light of this...we are taking a very cautious approach to credit exposure with our cus-

tomers," he said.
"This is likely to have an impact on levels of business but is, we believe, only prudent in the current circumstances." Mr Lever said, adding that the group has increased its market share.

COMPANY BRIEFS

Pre-tax: Loss £29,000 LPS: 0.57p (0.72p) Div: Nii (nii) CIA GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £2,83m (£2,45m) EPS: 13.62p (11.65p) Div; 2.6p, mkg 3.75p KODE INTERNATIONAL Pre-tax: £485,000 EPS: 4.3p (5.8p) Div: 3p, mkg 4p (7.5p) EDMOND HOLDINGS (Fin) Pre-tax: £1,73m (£3m) EPS: 2,41p (4,13p) Div: 1,2p, mkg 1,85p T CLARKE (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.89m (£5.06m)
EPS: 9.8p (26.08p)
Div: 5.292p EFT GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £1,07m EPS: 2.22p (1.62p) Div: 0.77p, mkg 1.1p SIRDAR (Int) Pre-tax: £2.81m (£2.1m) EPS: 3.25p (2.27p) Div: 1.65p (1.65p) CHURCH & CO (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.7m (£3.58m) EPS: 11.6p (22.8p) Div: 9.5p, mkg 12.5p WHITEGATE LEISURE Pre-tax: Loss £1.09m LPS: 4.2p (EPS: 3.3p) Div: Nil (1.5p)

EPS: 10.53p (8.98p)

EPS: 3.8p (6.5p)

SLEEPY KIDS (Fin) Pre-tax: Loss £155,927 LPS: 0.74p (4.22p)

Interim results. ATP is raising £1m via placing and open offer at 2p a share and reorganising its capital. Last time's loss was £48,000. Last time's total dividend was 3.2p. CIA has started 1992 well, with net new business wint of more than £20m. Final results. Last time's profit was £504,000. Exceptional debit of £122,000 (£57,000). Turnover fell to £15.7m (£16m).

Lest time's total dividend was 1.85p. Gearing reduced from 85% to 41%, interest or fell to 21.06m (£1.43m). Turnover fell to £59.2m (£76m). Figures for year to end-December 1991 are prepared under historical

Last time's profit was £768,000. Last time's total dividend was 1p. Extraordinary debit of £150,000 (£304,000). Total yarn sales fell 9%. Turnover fell to £27.1m (£27.5m). Company expects the future to

Last time's total dividend was 12.5p. Exceptional costs of 2280,000 (nlf). Turnover slipped to £65.2m (£68.6m). Final results. Last time's profit was 21.18m. Extraordinary items of £8.54m were deducted as were exceptional items of £784,000. Last time's profit was £867,000. Last time's total dividend was 3.85p. Extraordinary charges (net of tax) £287,000 (£134,000). Final results. Last time's profit was £1.02m. Last time's total dividend was 1.25p. Turnover climbed to £24.4m (£24m).

Comparative figures are for 15 months. Last time's loss was £805,869. Extraordinary deduction of £17,234 (nil).

BUSINESS FOUNDUR

Abbott Mead holds fall in profits to 4%

PRE-TAX profits at Abbott Mead Vickers, the advertising group, fell 4.4 per cent to £5 million last year despite an average fall of 10 per cent in the amount spent on advertising by its clients. A final dividend of 5.6p (5.1p) makes a total of 8.4p. an 8 per cent increase. Turnover rose from £130 million to £159 million, helped by a first-time contribution from BBDO, the London advertising agency that AMV bought from Omnicom, its 24.5 per cent shareholder, in March.

David Abbott, the chairman, said the group had worked hard on the integration of BBDO and was now seeing a progressive improvement in its profitability. New business last year brought in £26 million of billings and included Network South-East, Ski Yoghurt and the London Fire Brigade. The improvement has continued into this year, with an annualised to million of new billings are to date. with an annualised 19 million of new billings won to date.

NSA pays dividend

NORTH Sea Assets, the energy support services group, has returned to the dividend list with a 0.75p payout for 1991. A dividend was last paid in 1985. The company lifted profits from £1.21 million before tax to £2.08 million for the full year, with earnings up from 2.81p a share to 4.16p. The results reflect the decision to withdraw from loss-making shipping activities. In November, the company sold its ship management business, and by the year-end had sold six wholly owned vessels. NSA now has four businesses providing specialist services to the offshore oil and gas industry. The company's principal market is the North Sea but it plans to achieve a wider spread through acquisition. said Philip Parker, chief executive.

Hall Engineering up

A MUCH improved second half helped pre-tax profits at Hall Engineering (Holdings), the Shrewsbury metal stockholder and processor, edge up to £5.07 million in the stockholder and processor, edge up to £5.07 million in the year to end-December, from £5.06 million last time. Turnover fell to £147 million (£190 million). An extraordinary charge of £6.9 million was incurred after the group's decision last year to close its British Reinforced Concrete Engineering subsidiary's Stafford factory and the termination of the Weldmesh and fencing operations. There was an exceptional debit of £531.000. Interest costs fell 20.6 per cent to £4.34 million. Earnings per share slip from 12.68p to 11.34p. The final dividend is being maintained at 5.34p, making an unchanged total of 8.64p.

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Ex-Lands lifts profit

EX-LANDS, a former mining company being turned into a golf and leisure group, made pre-tax profits of £33,000 in the six months to December 31, compared with £19,000 last time. Last June, the company raised £4.9 million through a rights issue to pay for golf developments in Hamburg and Stuttgart. It is involved in a similar development in Vichy. Prance. The group said the developments should produce surpluses of £10 million when completed. If those were written into the balance sheet now, the company said it would have a net asset value per share of 36p. The Stutigart course is scheduled for completion in 1994. Construction work at Hamburg and Vichy has not yet begun. There is

Cannon Street sale

CANNON Street Investments, a troubled mini-conglomerate, is continuing its programme of disposals with the sale of Stallbridge Kwik Klean Laundry to a management buyout team for £4.13 million. The disposal will reduce Canson Street's debts by £5 million, although the group has been forced to guarantee up to £2 million of the new company's debts. Stallbridge has net assets of £2.9 million, so the sale will increase Cannon Street's net assets by £1.25 million. The disposal, along with the flocation of Avonside, Cannon Street's housebuilding subsidiary, and the sale of part of its stake in Betacom, the telephone distributor, will cut Cannon Street's debts by £50 million to £47 million.

PFG calls rights issue

PFG Hodgson Kenyon International, the UK's largest quoted undertaker, announced a £10.5 million two-for-three shareholders owning more than half the company. The proceeds will be used to cut gearing from 415 per cent to 108 per cent. Omnium de Gestion et de Financement, which, ihrough its subsidiary. Pompes Funèbres Générales, is a 27 per cent shareholder, will be sole underwriter. Pre-tax profits for the year to end-December were £6.6 million (£8.1 million). A 2p (1.5p) final dividend makes 3p (3.6p).

Interest Rates as at 13th March 1992

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS	gross Jahrrest Mit A.L.	gross compounded
Three Month Reserve Account		
£50,000 +	10.125%	10.52%
£25,000-£49,999	9.875%	10.25%
£10,000-£24,999	9.50%	9.84%
Reserve Account for Personal Cust	tomers	
£50,000 +	8.750%	9.04%
£20,000-£49,999	8.250%	8.51%
£5,000-£19,999	7.750%	7.98%
Reserve Account for Businesses/Cl	harities/Socie	rties
£100,000-£1 million	8.50%	8.78%
£25,000-£99,999	8,25%	8.51%
£10,000-£24,999	7.625%	7.85%
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£105.2m	£128.4m
44.8p	55.5p
20.5 p	19.5p
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"Strong investment programmes, continued commitment to our strategy and the quality of our worldwide management teams enable us to view the future with confidence."

Christopher Lewinton, Chairman



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> Accounting Standards Board recommendations. The exceptional gain left pre-tax profits for the year to end-December at £11.3 million compared with £68.6 million last year. The group announced an £84.6 million loss, the first in living memo-

item in line with new

NEW accounting practice

saved Legal & General, the

ry, at the halfway stage. The damage was done by large provisions on mortgage guarantee underwriting and losses on the property ac-counts, mainly through subsi-dence and recession-related claims. Total general insurance losses were £176 million.

David Prosser, chief executive since September, said there would be more losses on-

Capital in

sale of

theatre.

Eddle Kulukundls, the thear-

rical producer, has completed

the £2.7 million acquisition of the Duke of York's theatre from Capital Radio, which bought the West End theatre

th 1979. Mr Kulukundis has

bought the theatre in conjunction with London Turn-

Style (DOY), a private company. The partnershap paid Capital £275,000 in

February for an option to

The theatre has been refur-

bished since Capital acquired the freehold and was valued

M&S trial

Marks and Spencer is bring-ing in an outside retail chain

to take the first ever conces-

sion in a Marks store, a five-year experiment which will see Scottish Power selling electrical goods from the first floor of Marks' Dunfermline

Bid study

Emess falls

Pre-tax profits at Emess fell to

E4.2 million (£7.4 million) last year. A final dividend of 0.35p (2.2p), makes lp (3.5p).

Charles Baynes's pre-tax

profits rose 20.3 per cent to £6.75 million last year. A final dividend of 0.85p (0.8p) makes 1.35p (1.2p).

Grampian buys

Grampian Holdings is buying the business and assets of Peter Hand Animal Health

for £7.5 million in cash from

Hillsdown Holdings. The business, based in Leyland in

Lancashire, manufactures,

markets and distributes ani-

mai health products.

Baynes rises

acquire the theatre.

general insurance in the current year but he expected a recovery in 1993. The low point of a prolonged recession was not the time to decide whether the group should stay in general insurance.

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

Accounting saves

L&G from the red

Mr Prosser said steps were being taken to improve the performance of the general insurance operations. The number of branch offices has been reduced from 20 to 12, and premium rates on the motor account were increased 20 per cent last year and another 12 per cent in January with more to come in 1992. Premium rates on mortgage guarantee business have been raised 50 per cent

In January, Legal & General reduced its exposure to domestic property insurance by reinsuring 40 per cent of its household account, in line with Mr Prosser's stated policy of reducing group expo-sure to the volatility of general insurance". `

Worldwide profits from life and pensions business rose from £118.7 million, excluding the divested Victory rein-

surance business, to £126.4 million. UK life and pensions business saw profits reach £103.2 million from £98.5 million. Mr Prosser said that the bright prospects for the group's long-term business justified the 5 per cent divi-dend rise to 18.8p (17.9p).

The balance sheet showed £10 million of borrowings on ome shareholder funds and a 70 per cent solvency rating. The group has retained its AAA claims payment ratings from Moody's as well as Standard & Poor's. Shareholder value in the life fund increased from £1.58 billion to £1.71 million after shareholder distribu-tions.

As with some other insurance groups, Legal & General has moved to protect its solvency ratio by taking out a put option on 25 per cent of the £130 million of share-holders funds it has invested in UK equities.

The option runs until the and of June and would be triggered by a sharp stock market fall.

Labour urges energy shake-up

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S energy industry will be given obligations and incentives designed to achieve the "optimum level of national self-sufficiency in energy" if Labour wins power, Opposition energy spokes-man Frank Dobson sald.

Labour will seek to maximise oil output from the North Sea by introducing tax incentives to encourage full use of marginal fields. A Labour government might hold talks with the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries if that would help improve oil

price stability.

Burning of gas in power stations would be restricted. That would reduce upward pressure on gas prices and help strest sliding demand for British mined coal.

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In a firither effort to prompt the serve collicries, openeast mineral stood at £13.7 million to a line and tood imports would be restricted. Nuclear power end of their safe working

lives, and no new ones built. At the same time, the gas and electricity industries would be required to introduce energy efficiency pro-grammes that would trim demand by industrial and domestic users.

promote the construction of power plants generating electricity from wave action, water power, wind and bio-gas. Mr Dobson said: "We will aim for self-sufficiency in fuel.

Agency would be set up to

Clearly we are not going to be wholly self-sufficient, but it has always been the objective of British Energy policy, as it has of European Community energy policy, to be as self-sufficient as possible." Mr Dobson said self-suffi-

ciency was necessary "partly for national security and paribecause of the impact on the country's balance of

payments".
The objectives would require considerable adjustments by Britain's energy industry, particularly in the newly privatised electricity

enerating industry.

Labour and the Conservacombined cycle gas turbine power stations. But Mr Dobson signalled that Labour may go further. Existing obligations on regional electricity supply companies to buy the cheapest power could be en-forced, thereby discouraging the use of gas plants for base And a Renewable Energy load power generation.

Gatt attacks US over trade pacts

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN trade policy has been heavily criticised by the secretariat of the General. Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which is concerned about Washington's reliance on unilateral retaliation and regional pacts that threaten free world trade.

A regular Gatt review of American policy, published yesterday, singled out Washington's attitude to preferen-tial regional arrangements, such as the North American free trade zone it is creating with Canada and Mexico, as the most visible, and perhaps the most important, develop-ment in American policy. America has also extracted a bilateral deal with Japan

aimed at reducing its huge

trade deficit with the Japanese. Gatt said the size of the economies involved "could, through trade diversion, adversely affect third parties' trade with the United States".

While acknowledging America's declared intention of adhering to Gatt rules, the report issued a caution about the "critically important stage" of evolution for the multi-lateral trading system. It contrasts hopes of successfully completing the dead-locked Uruguay Round neg-otiations to liberalise world trade with increasing concern about the "erosion of Gatt principles by regionalism, bi-lateralism, unilateralism or

Enterprise Oil slips 30%

BY MARTIN BAILROW

ENTERPRISE Oil, the independent exploration and production company, an-nounced a 5 per cent divi-dend increase, failing to meet analysis' downgraded forecasts, in response to a decline of nearly 30 per cent in net income last year.

The company followed the example set by BP and Shell with conservative dividend rises by lifting the payout from 15p a share to 15.75p, with a 9.25p final, covered 1.5 times by earnings of 24.5p, a share down from

The shares slipped 2p to 367p, having fallen from 454p in late January after doubts emerged about the company's ability to sustain. the strong dividend growth of recent years. Enterprise's pos-Couttse Co ition as Britain's leading independent oil company is The average oil price real-said.



Hearne: testing times being challenged by Lasmo after the takeover of Ultramar.

Net income fell from £156.5 million to £110.5 million. Graham Hearne, chairman and chief executive, said results were affected by lower oil prices, rising production costs and reduced investment

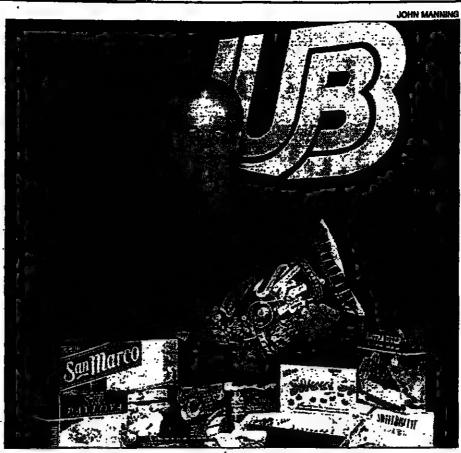
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down from £12.91 in 1990, falling below the levels of the last oil price collapse in 1986 in real terms.

Production rose 11 per cent to 131,100 barrels of oil equivalent per day, including a contribution of 8,600 barrels per day from the group's interest in Elf Enterprise Petroleum, the joint venture with Elf Aquitaine, the

French oil company. Enterprise again added reserves that exceeded production.

Capital expenditure rose nearly 24 per cent to £470.4 million, excluding a further £126.6 million invested in Elf Enterprise. Having had net cash of £28.2 million at the end of 1990, there was net debt of £331.9 million, implying gearing of 49 per cent.
"These are testing times for the oil industry," Mr Hearne



Top man: Robert Clarke, the chairman of United Biscuits, yesterday

Evered builds barricades

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE desire to ward off predators prompted a maintained dividend at Evered Bardon, a quarrying and building materials group formed by merg-er last year. Rising interest costs, falling workload and a squeeze on margins left pre-tax profits almost halved to £26.9 million in the year to December 31.

The figure comprises a tenmonth contribution from Bardon and a full year from Evered. The clearest comparison, therefore, is with the £47.7 million of pre-tax profits made by the two together Earnings fell from 12.7p to

5. lp a share. The dividend is maintained at 5.595p, with a final of 3.66p, but the payment is uncovered and leaves payout had been prompted by concern that a cut might a £7.3 million retained loss depress the share price and for the year. The shares dropped 4 p to 74p. Assets lead to an opportunistic bid for the company, he added. "This is a sector at the moper share are shown at 90p. Peter Tom, the chief executive, said continued dividend

income would depend on an can activities. Evered is ex-

upturn in the group's Ameripected to benefit from a recently announced \$151 bil-

lion federal road programme. The decision to hold the

wards snack biscutt.

United Biscuits profit growth surprises market

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

NEARLY £3 billion worth of McVitie's biscuits, KP snacks, Terry's chocolates, Keebler nibbles and Ross Young meals were consumed last year, pushing United Biscuits profits up 8 per cent and surprising the market with the strength of its profit

growth during the recession. Group pre-tax profits rose 8 per cent to £211 million in 1991, on turnover up 9 per cent to £2.98 billion. Trading profits grew by 12 per cent to £245 million and the trading margin increased by 0.2 per-centage points to 8.2 per cent. Fully diluted earnings per share rose 9 per cent to 29.5p. The final dividend is 9.8p. making a total of 15.3p for

the year, up 6 per cent. The group has changed its accounting policy in line with a new requirment on American post-retirement health-care costs. This wiped £3.1 million off 1991 profits. Results for 1990 have also been

restated to reflect the change. McVitie's Group, the European biscuit business, increased profits by 18 per cent to £107 million on sales up 22 per cent to £787 million. In the United Kingdom, biscuit volumes rose by 2 per cent, although there has been a switch away from premiumpriced chocolate products to-

Keebler, the American snack business, saw margins grow from 6.2 to 6.6 per cent in spite of difficult market

conditions. Profits grew by 14 per cent to \$114 million on sales up 7 per cent at \$1.72

KP, the group's snack business that has 40 per cent of the British market, saw profits rise 5 per cent to £43.5 million, on sales up 14 per cent to £504 million, helped by the launch of Frisps, which has become a brand leader along with Hula Hoops. Skips, Discos and KP Nuts. KP's trading margin fell slightly to 10.1 per cent, reflecting downtrading by con-sumers from branded crisps to own label and an increased

marketing spend.
Linda McCartney's range of vegetarian dishes and the San Marco pizza range were two successes in an otherwise difficult market for Ross Young, the group's chilled and frozen food business. Trading margins fell and profits were down 9 per cent to £27.5 million, on sales down 4 per cent at £543

million. The programme of has continued with 1,000 jobs going in 1991, taking the number of employees to fewer than 6,000. Three businesses were disposed of and two factories were thut.

Profits at Terry's Group rose 2 per cent to £14.3 million, on sales up 10 per cent at £753 million.

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RTZ still copper-bottomed for growth

RTZ can be thankful that seasoned mining investors focus on what is to come rather than on things past, and that not everyone believed one broker's forecast that 1991 profits would be

After the predictable profits setback, in the wake of a wretched year for mining. metal and industrial markets. RTZ shares rose yesterday by 20p to 559p, against a market that was another 23.7

After a net exceptional writedown of £46 million, net attributable profits turned out at £308 million, 39 per cent down from 1990's £507 million. Sir Derek Birkin. chairman, admits the setback is not pleasing, and says world mining companies are not out of trouble yet. RTZ. however, unlike some others, has at least maintained the year's distribution at 19.5p a share, operating cash flow was remarkably strong and registered only a 7 per cent fall, and the balance sheet and financial disciplines put many others in the shade.

The 1992 outlook for industrial volumes and metal prices, on which fortunes depend, is clouded. Mineral

markets remain because of economic conditions in the old communist bloc, and economic activity in the western world is still patchy. However, with the longer term in mind, RTZ is going ahead with capital expansion plans that include an \$880 million new smelter at Bingham Canyon copper mine, Salt Lake City, and will further expand various other mining operations, including gold. A feasibility study for a \$770 million gold project in Papua New Guinea will soon

be submitted. Just a flicker in world metal prices would have a marked impact on RTZ's profits, which could reach £385 million this year and sail on to £485 million in 1993. The cut and thrust of the British election campaign should largely pass RTZ shares by, and on 14.5 times 1992 earnings, and 11.5 times 1993 profit hopes, are a buy.

United Biscuits

SUPERMARKETS are fighting a price war, consumers are trading down, and when the kids clamour for crisps they are more likely to be given a packet of own-label snacks rather than the up-



Cautious: Christopher Lewinton, of TI group

market brands they enjoyed in the mid-1980s. Logic dictates that United Biscuits, owners of the McVities, KP and Ross Young brands, ought to be feeling the crunch of reces-sion. Instead UB surprised the market yesterday by re-porting pre-tax profits up 8 per cent to £211 million in 1991, £4 million more than

the most optimistic forecasts.

The shares rose 4p to 416p in

a falling market. A strong Christmas ac-counted for some of the extra profits but UB's profits late 1960s, is a testimony to management skills and philosophy. The business had itself for the

UB is still achieving growth in the UK, but the real

potential comes from continental Europe, where UB's share, in many countries, is still in single figures. America is also a potential growth market, and UB is investing in eastern Europe and Asia.

Ross Young, the frozen foods business, was the only black spot, with trading profit

down 9 per cent to £27.5 million, largely because of a weak UK catering market. Assuming pre-tax profits of 5222 million for the current year, the shares are trading on 13.2 times earnings. Con-cerns about the problems of the UK market remain but longer term, the UB quality product and management team will win through.

TI Group

WHEN someone as ebuilient and positive as Christopher Lewinton, chairman of TI Group, talks caution, the market does well to listen. TI came in below some brokers' forecasts for 1991, and Mr Lewinton gives warning that 1992's performance is unlikely to be marked by any significant recovery.

TI Group's shares fell 13p to 615p as a result, and mates for the current year were scaled back. Last year

marked the end of the first phase of TI's restructuring under Mr Lewinton's leadership: just a fifth of the current group was in existence five years ago, and the market capitalisation has quadrupled to £1 billion, at which level TI is knocking on the door of the FT-SE 100.

A raft of acquisitions in 1991 pushed total investment ahead from E64 million to £160 million and left the group with minimal borrowings of £37 million, against cash of £52 million a year previously. Disregarding an exceptional hedging gain in 1990 of £7.3 million, taxable profits fell by a creditable 13

per cent to £105 million. The UK was the worst hit. where profits fell 41 per cent. In the two biggest geographical markets, western Europe and north America, earnings

The engineering team at Smith New Court is predicting EI15 million pre-tax this year, putting the shares on a forward earnings multiple of 12.5, while a further 5 per cent dividend rise would give a yield of 4.9 per cent. TI's wide geographic spread and errooper to the American exposure to the American economy should ensure further outperformance.

STOCK MARKET

Election jitters depress share and gilt prices

ELECTION fever continued to dominate sentiment with sterling, government bonds and shares all suffering hefty losses as the odds on a hung Parliament continued to shorten. Selling was again light. A hesitant start on Wall Street, despite a better than expected set of American retail sales, combined with a weaker financial futures market to extend this week's sharp fall in the FT-SE 100

index. The index ended just above its worst of the day with a loss of 29.1 points at 2,493.3, making a two-day fall of 81.5 points.

Gilts remained weak, still worried by the government's funding policy and sterling's fagility. Prices at the longer end fell by another £4 and among index-linked stocks by as much as £4.

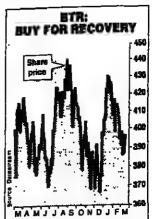
The sharp falls of the past few days have prompted some bargain-hunting, with investors concentrating on the quality stocks that appear to have been oversold. BTR was a case in point, rising 10p to 396p after some disappointing figures this week, with BZW. Yamaichi and County NatWest WoodMac all believed to be substantial buyers. County is forecasting a big surge in profits next year, helped by the acquisition of Hawker Siddeley. Guinness suffered a further

setback, losing 27p to 575p before figures next week with Smith New Court, the broker, urging its clients to take profits.

profits.

Full-year figures from United Biscuits put a smile on brokers' faces with pre-tax profits up. The figures were at the top end of City expectations and the shares firmed Ip to 413p, after 421p.

RTZ, the mining finance group, also pleased analysts despite its full-year figures being down. The dividend was maintained and dealers took the view that the group's performance could have been performance could have been worse. The shares finished 16p better at 555p. But there was little cheer for shareholders in TI-Group, the engineer,



down 14p at 614p after re-porting a drop in full-year pre-tax profits from £128.4 million to £105.2 million. The setback had been expected. but the group gave warning that there was still no sign of

warded with a rise of 10p to 377p after managing to stay in the black after another difficult year. Pre-tax profits numbled from £68.6 million to £11.3 million and the dividend was raised.

Enterprise Oil eased 2p to 367p after issuing a warning that the going remained diffi-

The absence of an some analysts to downgrade estimates of companies vulnerable to depressed consumer confidence. BZW cut its forecast for Whitbread for the year to February 1993 by £30 million to £265 million. The group's 'A' shares fell 16p to 415p.

cult. Pre-tax profits last year slumped from £210.3 million to £114.4 million. The group was on target to double pro-

Trenckerwood, the USM builder, fell 5p to 7 p with the group giving a warning that there will be further substantial write-offs on its properties and other developments. The group remains in talks with its banks.

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WALL STREET

mid-morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 5.63 points to 3,203. Sharply lower bond prices weighed on share prices.

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slightly weaker, pulled back from a plunge in the morning by bargain-hunting and light program buying. The Nikkei index fell 30.26 points, or 0.15 per cent, to 20,561.88.

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egal & General thinks of itself as a life assurance company but looks like a and pensions premiums, it reported a profit of £126 million for 1991. From £345 million of general. mainly personal, insurance premiums, it lost £176 million, even with the benefit of £42 million of investment income. Only an £82 million windfall from selling its unit-linked business to its own life fund stopped L&G recording a larger loss for the year than Commercial Union, the most life-oriented of the true composites. Management, which has already cut L&G's investment in UK equities, has felt it wise to take a precautionary sell option to protect dwindling shareholders' reserves against the sort of election fluctuations the London market has seen in the past two days.

David Prosser was made chief executive on the strength of the improvements he made to the investment performance of the life and pensions business. He will now have to move fast to make sure that really counts. L&G shares fell nearly a fifth. relative to the all-share index in the year up to the Budget, making them highly vulnerable to a takeover from a larger group that warms LeC's desirable share of the pensions market and canafford to cope with short-term non-life losses or get

rid of that business altogether. That may partly explain the dividend rise, but L&G shares still yield 6.8 per cent and the group's market value is little more than the £1.7 billion estimated net-of-tax value of the life fund, without anything for goodwill. Mr Prosser has already started to wind down L&G's exposure to underwriting the non-life business it picks up when selling life and pensions policies. To date, some 40 per cent has been shed through quota share reinsurance. Losses in 1991 look worse than they might because L&G reserved conservatively against its share of nearly 9 per cent of the mortgage indemnity market. The decks are being cleared but time could be short. Potential predators will surely be running their calculators over the 1991 results with a glint in their eye.

Spend for America

mericans appear to have taken out their credit cards to shop their economy into recovery and enhance George Bush's chances of staying in the White House. A timely climb. to sunnier economic slopes would go a long way to push up Mr Bush's soggy scores in the opinion poll and the primaries. The return to growth that is now likely in the first quarter would make his much-criticised arm's length approach to the economy look like the policy of a cool-headed leader with good judgment.

Yesterday's commerce department data, which showed retail sales up a healthy 1.3 per cent in February, on top of a heavily revised 2.1 per cent surge in January, were some of the strongest pointers to date of recovery. Wall Street had been year would continue, as confidence surveys suggested. Closer scrutiny of the data suggests. however, that retail sales are picking up on a broad front. Importantly, sales of durables, including cars, were up 2.3 per cent in February, after a 2.8 per cent rise in January.

Mild weather and New York price discounts may have flattered the figures. Even allowing for that, sales seem to be back on to an upward track more typical of past American recoveries. The impact of last year's aggressive easing by the Federal Reserve appears to have finally flushed the consumer out into the shopping malls.

EUROPEAN VIEW

The Auf Wiedersehen Pet factor in Britain's opt-out at Maastricht

EC SOCIAL POLICY PROCEDURE

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Wolfgang Münchau says Britain's stance at Maastricht will make little difference to the economy, but could be confusing to industry

iscacres in the European Community have coined the saying that today's row becomes tomorrow's non-event. This was true for the single currency, which until recently was never to arrive in our lifetime and now looks like a fait accompli. It might also be true for the equally contentious issue of a common European social policy.

The agreement at Maastricht, under which Britain "opted out" of certain aspects of a European social policy, was hailed by the government as a victory for the competitive ness of the British economy. More recently, however, the agreement has come under critical scrutiny. The consensus among many of the researchers is that the opt-out by Britain will make little difference for Britain economically, but could still lead to a host of political uncertainties, legal challenges and, worst of all, confusion in industry.

Britain did not opt out of EC. social policy as such, but merely out of a specific agreement to extend the EC's powers in certain limited areas. The way Britain's opt-out was achieved represented the ultimate constitutional conjuring trick. Rather than changing the social provisions in the Treaty of Rome, which was impossible without Britain's consent, the 12 merely added a protocol, essentially a footnote, to the treaty, which allowed the others to go ahead and Britain to stay out. This solution raises a number of constitutional and economic issues whether the agreement is legally and practically enforceable, whether Britain will, as John Major has claimed, gain significant economic benefit by staying out, and likewise whether the others will be harmed by social dumping from Britain.

The government's opposition to a common European social policy stemmed from fears that Britain would lose two of its perceived competitive advantages over the rest of Europe: liberal labour laws and low wages. Alas, the economics of social policy is not quite that simple.

The point can be illustrated by another recent example of a social policy controversy, the Labour party's proposal to introduce a £3.40 per hour statutory minimum wage. Depending on who one listens to, this would lead to a rise in uneinployment, either by 2 million according to the government, to 150,000 according to the Confeder-ation of British Industry, or 35,000 according to the National Institute of Economic and Social Research: Those in need of a statistic can take a pick. Another intriguing analysis

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came from Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management, which ran all the figures through a computer and concluded that a minimum wage will hardly make any difference to

the economy one way or the other.
This highlights the difficulties of predicting the practical impact of any kind of social policy changes on the economy.

A minimum wage is about as radical as a social policy can get, in that it introduces a straight-forward and visible labour market rigidity. Compare this with the relatively harroless EC provisions agreed (or not agreed) at Maastricht, which were really about the extension of qualified majority voting in the Council of Ministers to areas that previously required unanimity. These are working conditions, workers' consultation rights, equal opportunities, and the integration of people excluded from the labour

Wages, one should note, were explicitly excluded from the social protocol. This is hardly the stuff that would propel British industrial relations back into the Seventies, nor would it even come close to forcing the government to undo trade union

legislation adopted in the last

Among those who have raised doubts about the economic benefits of opting out is the CBI, which said in a confidential report in January that "there is unlikely to be any lasting advantage to UK businesses if the rest of the EC is handicapped by a labour and social affairs regime characterised by a centralised approach to determining employment

ne might just want to comexuberance expressed by a group of senior industrialists and bankers immediately after the summit. In a letter to The Times. Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI, and Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, chairman of National Westminster bank, among others, wrote that the opt-out was "crucial to the economic well-being of the nation and that it must now be firmly endorsed".

On the broader issue of European labour markets, a study by London Economics, a consultancy, suggested that European wage levels have converged significantly over the past

irrespective of social charters, chapters and action plans. "Many factors are fuelling the trend towards con-vergence," it said. "Increasing mobility of labour, trade in goods and services should create pressure to eliminate wage differentials." This is nothing other than a macroeconomic version of Auf Wiedersehen Pet, the TV series about British builders working in Germany. Their exploitation of higher wages abroad represents a classic case of European

20 years and will do so further.

labour market arbitrage.
Convergence, as such, is not controversial and has little to do with governments. The real difference between the continental and the British position is about whether such convergence should be left purely to the market, which probably takes longer, or whether it should occur within an institutional framework. The same old argument applies to almost any European

Despite the opt-out, two aspects of European social policy remain untouched. There are social policy provisions in the original Treaty of Rome. There is also a far more ambitious social action programme,

in 1989. This programme, of which Britain is very much an integral part, consists of 47 proposals by the European Commission, which are due for adoption by ministers by the end of this year. Most of them related to health and safety and are firmly supported by Britain. This action plan is totally unrelated to whatever Britain decided not to join at Maastricht, since the Maastricht treaty will only come into effect next year. Rather than opting out of social policy. Britain is in and out at

If the other 11 decide to make use of the social protocol, which excludes Britain, this might give rise to a series of legal problems. As the National Institute pointed out in its February Economic Review, such a situation could arise if British workers claim that they do not enjoy the same rights as continental workers. This appears to conflict with the Treaty of Rome, which upholds the principle of "non-discrimination of workers". One might guess that if the footnote is in open conflict with the treaty, the treaty wins and the

or multinationals it is even more confusing. One of the most contentious pieces of policy emanating from the social action plan is the draft European works council directive, which came out in its amended form last September. If adopted, this directive would force European multinationais to set up a European works council. Assuming that Britain vetoes the directive, which the government has threatened, and assuming also that the other 11 relaunch the legislation next year under the social protocol, which they have promised, where would that leave a British multinational with branches all over

Under the directive, a UK multinational would still be compelled to introduce a European works council, even if Britain is not part of the agreement, although the company could theoretically exclude British workers from works council gatherings. Would a company really go that far, especially since there is nothing to be gained by excluding its British and including its Portugese workers? That is an even more questionable proposition for a non-British multinational with subsidiaries in Britain.

the idea of not being part of a restrictive social policy regime, but it is doubtful whether industry would welcome the confusion and the legal uncertainty that the Maastrichi agreement has created. Even a total opt-out would probably have only marginal macro-economic conse quences. But this is not a total optour. In the end, the odds must be that Britain will opt back in again, quietly and discreetly. In a few years, everyone will wonder what the fuss was all about, and why the row over social policy almost wrecked this

Freeman says his farewells

BARBARA Mills, outgoing head of the Serious Fraud Office, joins Sir Gordon Borrie of the Office of Fair Trading, Lord Justice Taylor and 200 other guests on Tuesday to mark the retirement of David Freeman, senior partner of DJ Freeman, the law firm. Freeman started the firm in a room above a greengrocer's shop in Cannon Street on March 17. 1952 and, 40 years later, it has built up a formidable reputation in the fields of commercial property and insolvency law. There may be some at the dinner who will wonder where his departure

Job prospects NOT only share prices have suffered in the first bout of pre-election nerves. A snap survey yesterday found that one in five London businesses has delayed recruitment decisions until after the outcome of the election is known. Of just under 100 companies surveyed, 44 per cent thought a Labour government would reduce employment prospects for accountants and lawyers. On the positive side, 52 per cent of financial services companies expect business to pick up now that uncertainty over the election date has been removed. Douglas Llambias Associates, the headhunter which carried out the survey, says prospects for professional staff are picking up slowly.

Banker in bloom

LAST month's party to celebrate the launch of Robert

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burg attracted everyone from Julian Ogilvie Thompson, chairman of De Beers, to Miss South Africa, Diana Tilden-Davis. Robin Fleming, the chairman, and John Manser, the chief executive, and their wives, were among nearly 200 revellers who showed up at Adam Fleming's stunning home in the plush northern suburbs. Guests were greeted at the entrance to the garden by Adam's two young children, Angus and Eleanor, and it would appear that at least one of them has a fine future in banking ahead. For Eleanor was caught trying to sell her posy of flowers to guests.

Winning shirts THERE is nothing like an election to bring out that entrepreneurial streak. Charlotte's Embroidery of Marble Arch, which counts royals and celebrities among its clients, has been running offsweatshirts emblazoned with the names of the three party leaders to cash in on election fever. If sales are anything to

go by, the Conservatives are home and dry. By late yesten-dry, Charlotte's had sold 170 "Vote Major" shirts against only 90 "Vote Kinnock" ones, giving the Tories a clear 30 per cent lead. At £12 a shirt, the sales will do no harm to the company's balance sheet — adding £3,120 in the first 24 hours - but it may be left with some surplus stock on its books. Nobody has been buying Paddy Ashdown.

PERHAPS John Major should have consulted the City's Japanese banks before choosing April 9 as the date for the general election. For in Japanese numerology, 4 signifies suffering and 9 signifies pain and death.

Kwik-Fit knit KWIK-FIT, the tyre to exhaust group, is trying to repair its image after claims by the Consumers' Association that some of its branches recommended unnecessary extra work. Witness a new television commercial that features a mother, with her baby asleep in the back of the car, coming into Kwik-Fit to have a puncture repaired. The kind fitters are carefulnot to disturb the child. But, perhaps missing the point, a woman in Edinburgh contacted Tom Farmer, Kwik-Fit's publicity-conscious chairman, to ask if he could supply the knitting pattern for the baby's hat and cardigan. Farmer, who has a personal fortune of £20 million, tracked down the comparty that made the clothes.

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German lesson for life companies

From Professor S.P.L. Kennedy

Sir, The articles by Noel Falconer ("Bark and bite neetled in boardrooms", March 2) and Allister Wilson ("Working for power in the board-room", March 5) raise an issue that is very relevant to life assurance companies and, especially, to mutual assurance societies. Who is representing the interests of policyholders?

Non-executive directors of a life assurance company have a particular responsi bility to ensure that policyholders are getting a fair return for their premiums. Nevertheless, mutual life as-surance societies have found themselves in difficulties occasionally. Two cases in recent years were the United Kingdom Provident and Lon-

don Life The problems that arose with both these mutual societies had their origins in overexpansion. It is natural for a vigorous management to set challenging targets for ex-panding the business. How-ever, life assurance is no different from other business; an increase in production re-quires capital and that capital must come from somewhere. It cannot come from shareholders: it has to come from policyholders' reserves.

What is wrong is to draw so much from the reserves that the existing policyholders fail to get fair value for their premiums. The non-executive director must "bark and bite" in defence of the policyholders.

.The solution proposed by Mr. Falconer for appointing directors is not appropriate for mutual societies. Although policyholders fre-quently do have one wore JON ASHWORTH | each, regardless of the num-

ber or size of their policies (apart from exceeding a prescribed minimum), they are an unsophisticated group as a whole and are usually unaware of whether or not they

are getting good value. My experience both as a member of the supervisory board of a German life assurance company and as a direc-tor of a British mutual society it that there is something to he said for the two-tier board.

The solution I prefer is a statutory requirement for the More than half the board membership should be made up of non-executive directors displaying the characteristics of effectiveness described by Mr Wilson. The DTI and SIB (or Lautro) should be informed of all new appointments and of the reason for not re-electing an existing non-executive director (normally this will be non-conten tious - reaching the maximum age, own request etc). Furthermore, at least one of the non-executive directors should be an actuary drawn from a panel of actuaries with the appropriate experience, approved by the Instirute and Faculty of Actuaries. The particular role of this non-cucutive director would be to ensure that policyholders get a fair deal. He would be known to have this particular brief, which in itself would help to keep a balance.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK KENNEDY. Visiting Professor of Insurance and Investment, City University Business School Northampton Square, EC1.

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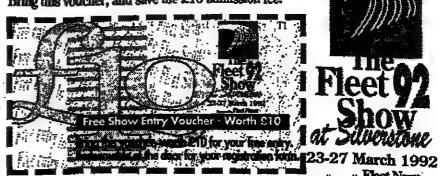
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Douglas McWilliams, of the CBI, argues that next year's Chancellor will be the beneficiary of this year's Budget

Conquering civil servants to control spending

THE Budget was used as the 2.95 deutschmarks"; and that starting pistol for the election, so commentators have understandably paid more attention to its political than its economic implications. However, the smokescreen of electoral considerations has concealed a shift in the underlying basis of economic policy.

The medium term financial strategy, the set of self-imposed targets for anti-inflationary economic rectitude that Sir Geoffrey Howe introduced to much fanfare in 1980, is dead in all but name. The name has been appropriated for the replacement strategy that is based on the constraints of the European exchange-rate mechanism and the convergence criteria set out in the Maastricht agreement for EC economic and monetary union.

The Budget speech tripped lightly over this change. Its extent, however, is spelt out in gory detail in the Financial Statement and Budget Re-port, the so-called Red Book. This points out that the govemment is "committed to membership of the exchangerate mechanism of the European Monetary System"; that sterling "will in due course move to narrow bands...at the current central parity of

"the government's policies are designed to ensure that the UK meets the convergence criteria laid down in the [Maastricht treaty".

Paragraph 2.05 states: "ERM membership will remain the central discipline underpinning UK macroeconomic policy in the medium term. Policy requirements are not fundamentally altered by ERM membership: they would be much the same even if the UK had chosen to pursue the objective of defeating inflation outside the ERM. But ERM membership now provides the medium-term nominal framework within which the UK economy must

Strong language, even if there is a continued attempt to play down its implications. Is the Red Book correct to argue that the policy requirements are "not fundamentally altered"? For most of its existence, the ERM has been associated with sluggish growth and low or falling interest rates in the main European economies. Fiscal rectitude has been less pervasive, but has retained its role as a target through its application in Germany, the ERM anchor economy. unification German

operate.

While the Chancellor has been preoccupied with winning the election, the Sir Humphreys in the ministries have squirreled away most of the loot'

changed that. United Ger- achievements and that many is heading for a budget some measures. The levels of demand stimulated by this deficit have resulted in interest rates as high as 6 to 7 per cent in real terms in most countries. Now the optimal strategy for the other ERM member countries who are forced to put up with high interest rates anyway is to try to relax policy by attempting to match Ger-many in fiscal recklessness.

Those who framed the European monetary constitution at Maastricht were aware of the possibility of fiscal incontinence, even if they underrated how widespread it might become by referring casually to "the Italian problem". So they set out membership rules for the single currency club: public borrowing at less than 3 per cent of GDP and public debt at less than 60 per cent of GDP. These look line, but they were weakened by the statement that the rules might be applied to plans rather than

progress towards reaching deficit of 6 per cent of GDP on these goals might be an adequate substitute for reaching them. So the dog does not have to jump through the hoop - merely run in the right direction wagging its tail. The demise of a domestic

fiscal and monetary strategy

new orthodoxy of matching European practice has given the Chancellor a much less constrained fiscal policy than hitherto. Why then was the Budget so modest, with only a net tax cut of 0.25 per cent of GDP? And why do the public finances appear to allow only £2 billion in total for future tax cuts for the next four years? The straight answer is that the money has already been spent. While the Chuncellor has been preoccupied with winning the election, the Sir Humphreys in the ministries have squirreled away most of the loot for their departments. The spending increases announced in the autumn statement mean

is forecast to rise to £258 bil- tax receipts looks on the low lion from £180 billion in side, especially since advance 1990-1, growth at an annual rate of nearly 10 per cent in money terms and 5 per cent in real terms. It is hard to see how even a socialist Chancellor could spend more. What seems to have hap-

pened is the opposite of the squeeze on public spending that has occurred in the past, when spending was set in cash terms and inflation turned out to be higher than expected. Now inflation is likely to run lower than previously expected and failing to adjust the public spending plans in cash terms would mean excessive real increases. A prime task after the election will be to revisit these unintentionally bloated de-partmental budgets - indeed a key question that voters will have to ask themselves is which party will be most likely to deal with this and face up to

the public sector unions. The other area where the Sir Humphreys may have had their influence is in the PSBR forecast. My suspicion is that the Treasury mandarins, fearful of a giveaway Budget, have made sure the Chancellor felt his scope was narrowed by presenting him with a PSBR

that the planning total for forecast based on pessimistic public expenditure in 1994-5 assumptions. The forecast for corporation tax payments will not have been greatly affected by the recession.

Since I have been fairly critical of the Treasury when the Chancellor has made over optimistic forecasts in the past I need to be careful in my comments when his forecasts seem to err on the prudent side. But the danger is that the genuine prudence of the Chancellor's financial strategy may not be fully appreciated in the short term by financial markets mesmerised by the £28 billion PSBR forecast.

With the fiscal strategy adjusted towards less restrictive targets, scope for cutting public spending and the prospect of better trends in public finances there is a reasonable chance of reduced taxation in the years to come. The real beneficiary of the Budget may be whoever is Chancellor by the time of the first combined Budget and autumn statement in December 1993 when it has become clear that public borrowing is under control.

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turning to business start-up as an and came from the South-East, alternative to redundancy. This is although some travelled from the one of the professions, with its Midlands and the West Country. links to the housing and construction markets, which is most affected by the recession. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors is now holding a series of "survival courses" at its Westminster headquarters to advise on the setting up

and running of a small business. Two seminars held so far — one last autumn and one in January each drew a capacity attendance of 80 members. There is still a waiting list of 145 for the third, expected in June. Those on the courses have either just started a business or are planning to do so.

The day-long seminars, at £40, include hinch, start-up packs and a reading list. Topics covered are marketing, tax and accounting, finance, running a practice and getting the best out of colleagues. An additional session for people wanting further information has

been arranged for next Tuesday.
Ted Wans, the RICS president,
said: "We are supporting our
members by providing relevant
services and are exploring all avenues to provide constructive help in difficult times. The excellent response is indicative of chartered surveyors' willingness to move forward and to help themselves." Most who attended the first

MANY chartered surveyors are seminars were between 30 and 45

Linda Stevens, director of the affiliated Institution and College Conferences, which is mounting the seminars, said: "Some members have ambitious business plans, but they do not expect things to be easy for 12 months."

More details: Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, London SW1P 3AD. Telephone: 071-222 7000.



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Finding success by going solo

WHY work for someone else when you can run your own life better, Patrick Frean asked himself. Patrick, a graphic design consultant, spent nine months in Milan after leaving art school, but returned to England to join a small design

He says: "After a while, I found I was better off working on my own. I felt I could run my life rather better than they ran their com-pany. I was doing all the work

Mr Freen, who is now based in Camberwell, London, has been a ene man band since 1972, apart from a short time when he unsuecessfully took on a partner. He designs anything that is printed. It could be a range of letterheads and logos for a company seeking to establish a corporate identity or he could set out the words and pictures for a brochure. He has also been employed by publishers of books and magazines. Maga-zine publishers bring him a feature and photographs and he

designs a set of pages.

Publishing used to provide the main part of his work and furnishes him with particularly enjoyable assignments but Mr Fream finds that publishers are slow payers. This can be an important factor when confronting a bank

Mr Frean says: "Creating cash flow projections for banks is often artificial. I can tell the manager that I should be paid X amount by

the end of the mouth, but it is a mixture of optimism and faith."

Janet, Mr Freat swife, is also a designer, but she is in tealer and they keep their two Distresses separate. Both agree, though the while design education in this country is second to nooe, designers are appreciated which more ers are appreciated much more

Mr Frean feels that many British companies do not appreciate the difference between a designer and a printer. He says: "A lot of companies in the financial world are getting more image-conscious, but they are still very wary of designers. They go to the printer first and only approach a designer if they want something more elab-orate. They do not see the designer as an initiator, more as a peripher-al. The Americans and the Europeans are far more aware of the

peans are tar more aware or use need for design."

Although Mr Frean has done work for household names such as Guinness and Ryman, one prob-lem is that some clients expect him He says: "People find it difficult

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One-man band: Patrick Frean, graphic design consultant

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One booklet is Finance Without Debt, available from Small Firms.

Branch, Room W524, Moorfoot, Sheffield SI 4PQ; or telephone 0742 593710. It particularly advises on the small business situations where raising venture capital

might be most apposite.

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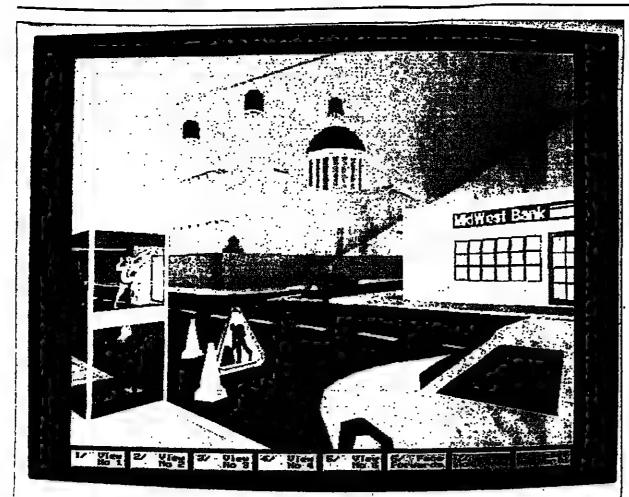
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A computer graphic showing St Paul's cathedral, part of a project to create a virtual city. Language students may benefit from such applications by being immersed in a foreign city in which they have to use their language skills

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Into the office, via a virtual reality screen

get inside it? Sci-entists at several companies have realised they can create a multi-dimensional world of their own, walk inside buildings that have not yet been built and develop new applications by using the technology called virtual reality.

IBM this week announced plans to produce a virtual reality system aimed at professionals, including architects using computeraided design engineers designing mechanical systems and even chemical researchers visualising the interaction of complex mol-

The system, to be developed jointly with Division, will be based on IBM's technical workstation and is expected to boost the market. Despite its leisure-

oriented image in Britain, virtual reality has its roots in aeronautics and space reComputer techniques used in the latest games are being developed for business use.

Clive Couldwell reports

American researchers began to develop applications for improving the flying and fighting abilities of their air force pilots. Today, the army uses virtual reality systems for tank simulation exercises.

Virtual reality is, however, coming to mean different With what might be des cribed as "immemon" virous reality, the brain is tricked into thinking it is somewhere else. Users are able to explore and interact with computergenerated environments, which are known in the jargon as virtual worlds, which exist only inside a specially designed headset.

headsets, which place a small liquid-crystal display screen in front of each eye, can change at such high speeds that an illusion is created of being within another environment. Turn your head left and the images move to show

what is on your left. The effect can be height-ened by using special gloves that respond to the movement of your fingers so that you can, for example, appear to pick up objects or open them. These immersion systems are at present being used in research and enter-

There are drawbacks with immersion. It is often used for a maximum of only 30 minutes because it can cause "simulator sickness". Obviously, systems using headsets and gloves that send users giddy after half an hour are impractical in the business world.

However, screen display technology is improving and powerful small computers are becoming cheaper. As a re-

generation of "desktop" virtual reality sys-tems, providing fast-moving graphics more cheaply, will take off for busi-

ness use. The user of a desktop system sees a much crisper image and, of course, more than one

person can observe what is going on. Traditional computer graphic animation is simply a collection of pre-generated still images, which are then replayed in a set sequence. Every image takes minutes or even hours to generate, thus making any realistic inter-

Virtual reality systems can continuously calculate and rea three-dimensional model in correct perspective

Although with normal computer graphics you can create a detailed image, it usually remains static. Ideally, you reach a point where would like to creation come to life and allow you to walk through a building, or to sit inside the car that you have just designed and play around with

the controls Dimension International, of Aldermaston, Berkshire, is testing a tool kit to convert drawings created in com-puter-aided design programs nto a virtual environment. The company intends to add a package later this year that will allow viewers inside drawings it has created. "About a year ago we tested the market," says Ian Andrew, the managing director of Dimension International.

"We were saying we would build a virtual world and provide whatever you needed to visualise a new building or the insides of a warehouse but we quickly found that users wanted something that could let them do it themselves."

Desktop virtual reality is also being looked at by educompanies for use in manufacturing. As part of a £100,000 project, funded by the employment department and some commercial partners. West Denton School in Newcastle-upon-Tyne is the first site for a schools-based virtual reality project in

Pupils at the school study ing for A-levels in design, art and physics, as well as those taking information technology courses, started using the system last month.

The school plans to run three projects. Dangerous Workplace, for example, provides a virtual world based on factory space at NEI Parsons part of the Rolls-Royce Industrial Power Group and a manufacturer of turbine generators - and will contain everyday workplace hazards.

The idea is that pupils, by creating a virtual world and with potential hazards, will start to apprec-

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creasing the speed at which pupils learn a foreign lar.g-uage, by im-mersing them visualise' "virtual city". Pupils will have to perform various tasks, such

as finding their way to a res taurant or shop, buying items and using public transport all within the virtual world. Outdoor Gallery is more appropriate for sculptors, Using images based on well known works by Henry Moore, the project aims to visualise how best to site works of art to the benefit of

the artist, the public and the In industry, Satra, the footwear industry's technological, research and consultancy centre, is spending E400.000 over four years on a PC-based virtual reality systern to try to identify better methods for shoe production. Eventually, Satra will link with a second system that times the movements taken by producers making dif-

ferent types of footwear. The research programme is aimed at helping companies in the industry to calculate manufacturing costs more accurately and so establish more realistic pricing poli-





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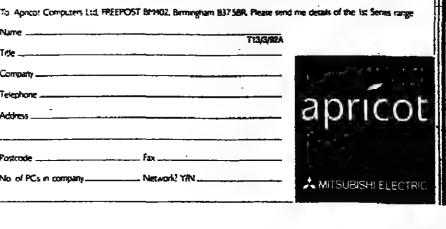
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Windows that opened to a fortune

Matthew May on how Bill Gates, at 36 aready the richest man in the United

States, just cannot help making more bilions out of software programs.

ly come to aution, are remote. Much better re the odds offered by computersoftware company.

Through stck options, it has managed to take millionaires of more than 10 of its employees. Dollar millionires that is, but still a sizeable amont of money and representing dds of about 1 in 100, given the company's work-force of 10,000 beople.

Paul Allen, re company's cofounder, is wort a few billion, and a senior execute recently retired with shares woh more than \$40 million (about 23 million). Bill-Gates, the corpany chairman and the man beind it all, recently became the ricest man in the United States are a surge in the value of his comany's shares that has made his 3 per cent stake worth more than billion. Microsoft is se company be-

hind the operating system used by most personal conducters.

More recently thas scored an immense succes with a software package called /indows 3 that has sold nearly) million copies in a little over 18 norths, a figure that could doublevithin a year.

Windows is package that provides little boss, graphics and icons that makeshe screen display of an IBM-unpatible computer look like te Apple Mac-

Apart from looing far prettier than the purely te based screens of traditional wor processors, it makes personal enputers easier to use, which is see as particularly important in min of Europe where some maagers, unlike their American contemparts, still fight shy of using keyboard.

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want and new versions are needed to take advantage of Windows.

Though other software companies have been rushing out.
Windows versions of their own. packages, what better, many cuetomers have thought, than briging your applications package from the same people who sold you

It means that more than half of the application packages sold to run with Windows have come from Microsoft.

Whether the concept makes personal computers any faster to it use is open to debate as people frequently find themselves playing with such things as symbols that let you fit things away in little computer representations of filling cabinets.

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One writing instructor at the University of Delawaie ment so far as to accuse such systems as leading to "sloppier writing and furfier tooles". fluffier topics".

Microsoft though based in Seattie, Washington, rather than the computer industry's traditional home of Silicon Valley, California, still retains much of the usual folklore surrounding some of the computer industry's more flam-

boyant start-ups. Bill Gates was just 15 years old when he founded his first company, along with Paul Allen, having already gained respect from his peers for the ease with which he could infiltrate corporate computer systems.

Last month, the US magazine Business Week featured Mr Gates as its cover story. The magazine a meeting of 5,000 employees clad in leather and leading a proop of ten Harley Davidson motorbikes



menu for Windows, the program that led to his success

any Microsoft millionaires in Britain, the company does not want to talk about them. But it acknowledges that those few who have kept stock from the early days must be sitting on a tidy sum.

Microsoft UK's only concession

to California, or perhaps it is now Seattle culture, seems to be a casual day on Fridays, when staff are allowed to wear jeans. According to John Leftwich, the director of marketing, about half the British staff have share options that can make a "material" difference so their salaries.

Like its parent company, Microsoft UK is hiring fast, 40 people have joined in the last three major problem is "the challenge of getting up to speed" as the weomers are integrated into the

company. Despite its current per-formance, profits up 56 per cent and turnover up 66 per cent last year, Microsoft is well aware that sitting on your laurels can result in joining another part of computer folklore — the company that is here today and gone tommorrow.

Despite his paper worth, Mr Gates works 15-hour days, likes a good hamburger and is occasion ally given to firing off gloomy memos concerned that competitors are waiting in the wings ready to take advantage of the merest hint of weakness.

Though Windows 3 is barely a year and a half old, the company has been busy working on a successor since its launch and has interviewed 11,000 people on how they use the package and what they like and dislike.

research will be available from next month when a new edition of the package, or version 3.1 as it is described in the computer lexicon. will be announced.

The company hopes that this will convince the sceptics that Windows is going to stay as the standard for such software during

Priced, like the current version at £99, it will run quicker, look nicer and be tweaked to cope better with things like portable computers and networking.

It will also be the basis for other products designed to link with pen based computing — where the keyboard is replaced by an electronic pen to write on the screen and multimedia where there is a requirement to move bits of sound and video between computer files in the same way that text is handled today.

Also under development is Windows NT, a complete operating system designed to replace Microsoft's MS-DOS, which is due out by the end of the year.

Competitors are increasingly worried that Microsoft shows all the signs of dominating the software market in the same way that IBM managed to control much of the computer industry throughout

Microsoft's decision last month to start a scheme that will allow companies to apply for a "Windows compatible" logo to stick on approved products was seen as a sign that the giant software company will not give an inch.

Apple Computer is suing Microsoft, claiming £2.5 billion in lost sales, because it says that Microsoft infringed Apple

Another worry is the US Federal Trade comission's investigation into complaints that Microsoft broke anti-trust legislation in its

Just as driving a car is the same whatever the make and model, customers do not want to learn a whole different way of working just because they buy a new piece of software. To the company that can force conformity on the computer market, the rewards are great.

Silicon neuron faster than a brain cell

Scientists Britain and A SILICON RELITON particular region of the the Unite States have brain, you'll be able to get created thworld staist has noteen tighty those chips to run according "silicon neuror, a tiny that mimics thactivity of a

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passed via the optic nerve to the brain, which processes the information and routes it through the central nervous system to the hands. Scientists have already

simulated the neural sequences involved in acts; such as picking up a coffee cup, but in digital form. This involves generating enor-mous software programs and running them on huge super-

The programs are not only expensive to generate and run, but they exist in a computer, not in the real

r Douglas says: "The neurons we are building are an-alogues of nerve cells. They are able to operate indep dently of any controller. They have their own behaviour."
Because the silicon neurons are electronic versions of the real thing their im-mediate application lies in

brain research. "We are making a general urpose block of neurons that you can connect to your choice," Dr Douglas says. "If

But the most exciting applications, he says, will lie in the area of robotics. Each zilicon neuron is small, fast, cheap to produce and uses little power. In theory, mil-tions could be assembled into a powerful artificial

Pack", blared out of the auditori-

Describing Mr Gates as "rum-

pled", envious business competi-

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as the archetype computer nerd

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found people in bathing suits at the office discussing software bugs

um's speakers.

We're looking at some thing the size of a matchbox, which takes very little power," Dr Douglas says. "The scientists have already experimented with artificial vision by using a ailicon

This acts as an input device for the neuron. Dr Donglas believes that by adding output devices, like articial legs", truly autonomous rovices that interact with the real world in the same way as biological lifeforms. Whether their silicon brains will have "conscious-

ness" is another question however. "Usually people ask about consciousness," Dr Douglas says, "and I do not have an answer at this stage, except to say that questions of a philosophical nature have a way of changing their

JON TRUX

A new camera system will enable users to tinker with photographs after the image is captured

PHOTOGRAPHERS who make a living out of filming wedding videos will face a new rival this summer — a compact disc system that shows photographs taken on a conventional camera on a television screen.

over a game of volleyball in the

hall, and a talented but novice

programmer who had already rattled up \$150,000 in potential

In Britain, things are a little more restrained. With headquar-

ters in Reading, Berkshire, the British arm of the company em-

ploys about 250 people, mostly in sales and marketing. If there are

profit from a share option.

Photo CD is a format developed by Kodak, the Philips, the Dutch consumer electronics company.

Photo CD's ability to offer a replacement of the traditional photograph album by a near line of compact discs will appeal to the public. Furthermore, the product will not be

This is not the first time that companies have tried to converge photography with electronics for more than just specialist use. Several years ago. Canon introduced an electronic still video camera that recorded pictures on a tiny computer floppy disc. The pictures could be instantly displayed on tele-

· Sales of still video cameras have been slow, mainly because the cameras, at about £500, are considered expensive. Getting hard copy prints can be difficult and costly. Photo CD however, uses

existing 35mm cameras. When the system is put on sale in a few months, users should be able to take their film along to certain high street photographic stores, and ask for their shots to be put on to a compact disc. This looks like a conventional audio CD and can store up to

Perfect pictures



Dissatisfied with your clothing colour (left)? With a CD system, you can change it

Kodak says the cost of a set of prints and negatives plus a disc will be around £17 or £18 Customers will be able to take a partly filled disc back to the dealer and have further shots transferred to it. It will also be possible to have prints done from a disc. Philips plans to launch pre-recorded titles covering sports, arts and nature. But customers will also need a special deck, which looks like an ordinary CD player, to plug into a home television and hi-fi system. The decks, expected to cost between £300 and £400, will also play music CDs and are operated by a remote control

Users will have instant access to any image and can duction houses.

picture libraries and repro-Dr Khanna says: "There has been a lot of interest from the commerical sector but our

text and graphs to the disc

"People may select music

from a sound library," says Dr Ravi Khanna, Kodak's

tem, "or add their own narration or favourite music."

Kodak is also targeting

main priority this year is the consumer market.'

Because the images on a Photo CD disc are digital, they can be fed into a comput er and electronically manipulated. This means marks can be erased from damaged neg atives or a grey sky in a holiday shot can be replaced by a blue one. Electronic manipulation could also be a boon for those who are less than competent with a camera.

At a demonstration this month, Kodak showed how it is possible to remove embarrassing objects from a photograph, such as a telegraph pole that appears to grow out of someone's head.

This may make the system of interest to serious photographers who might not baulk at the high costs if they can use it to "clean up" or alter photographs that are nearly but not quite right. If they then have them printed conventionally, nobody need know that that a picture has been electronically manip-

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Ringing up huge bills

ne quickest way to run up a huge bill on a portable telephone is to have it stolen. Thefts of mobile phones from cars have risen to 36,000 handsets a year - one

every 15 minutes.

Michael Burgon, a director of the Cellular Users and Subscribers Club (CUSC), says: "I know of people who have run up call costs of several thousand pounds before they've discovered the loss. This kind of crime is now very big

Many of Britain's 1.2 million cellphone owners have insult add-ed to injury when they discover that their handset is not insured for its full replacement value, they have no cover for illicit calls made before the theft was reported, and they must continue to pay connec-

tion fees to their service provider. All or most of these problems can be avoided for as little as £12 a year, but the majority of cellular of insurance schemes that are available. "Not enough people take it out," Mr Burgon says. "Insurance is always optional.

We try to push it, but only about 20 per cent of customers take it." Pnio Valenza, a salesman with cellular retailer Comtel Commun-

There are many traps for the unwary. Household insurance is unlikely to cover the handset to its

Bob Whitehouse reports on the costs of having a cellular telephone stolen, and the new hacking technique known as cloning

because handsets are sold below cost as a lure to new customers. The rival network operators. Cellnet and Vodaphone, pay bo-nuses to retailers to bring in subscribers, and the retailers do this by offering attractive prices on

An instrument usually costs £500-£600 to replace without signing on for a new service contract. but the insurance company will only pay the value of the original invoice, which is typically a modest

As soon as the phone is reported stolen, the service provider can withdraw it from use. But household or personal goods insurance will fail to give cover for calls made by the thieves before the number is disconnected. And when a new handset has been issued, and the number restored to use, service agreements still charge line rental for the time the customer had no

CUSC was set up three years ago to provide cover for handset replacement and misuse by thieves. Under a scheme called Celibloc, users have their handset insured for its full replacement price, and gain cover for calls made after the theft. The cost of the insurance repending on whether misuse cover is £250 or £1,000.

CUSC runs an emergency line, manned around the clock, so thefts can be reported promptly. Mobile phones have internal numbers — known technically as the Electronic Serial Number (ESN) which is the cellular equivalent of a car's chassis number. It is the ESN that identifies the phone to the network, while the phone number — like a car number plate -can follow the owner and not the

n theory, the ESN means only the owner can make calls. But even when the phone is safe in the owner's hands, there is growing evidence of deliberate misuse, through a hacking technique known as cloning. Just as computer networks are vulnerable to hackers who can imitate passwords, cellular networks are prey to criminals who can impersonate the ESN.

Opinions differ as to how extensive cloning is. According to Mr Burgon, it may be considered a facet of organised crime. Vivienne Peters, chief executive of the Telecommunications Users Associ-

ation (TUA), disagrees.
"I don't think it's organised crime, it's just people working at breaking codes — isolated in-stances like the abuse of BT charge card numbers," she says, "What I worry about is that no one is

actually being caught."

The TUA is now issuing warnings to its members about the risks of cloning, especially when the phone bills are handled

centrally.
"What happens is that the user doesn't actually see the bill," Ms Peters says. "It goes in to the company accounts department, and the itemisation is not checked." If individual users within the company can check their own bills, the trick can easily be spotted, she believes.

There is no way that cloning can be prevented, however, because illicit ESNs cannot be tracked to source as a hard-wired telephone could. Any communications network that uses radio is vulnerable in ways that fixed networks are

mains theft. The competition be-tween airtime resellers, many of whom are small and speculative companies, makes price the arbiter but users need to be aware that cheap deals can turn dear if they neglect insurance.



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The company says the device will be available from this autumn but did not disclose the price. The machine is 7-in wide, 6-in long and 2-in high and is an IBM-compatible personal computer with a filip-up screen and small key-board. Last year, Sony intro-duced the Data Discusan, an even smaller device that plays miniature CDs that contain text and drawings, only, for such uses as dictionaries and other relegance books

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MOST Americans think that their country has been overtaken by others in developing the latest high technology.

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States would be able to main-

tain its leadership role in the

field by the end of the decade. Copy taxes

THE European Court has rejected requests from eight Japanese photocopier manufacturers to cancel measures aimed at their exports to the EC. In 1987 the EC imposed 20 per cent "anti-dumping" taxes on Canon, Minolta, Sharp, Ricoh, Sanyo, Mita, Matsushita and Konishiroku exports to the EC. The initial decision, valid for five years, was extended for a further six months in February pending an EC decision on whether to impose the tax for a further

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huge computer trade fair in Hanover to announce that it was moving upmarket.

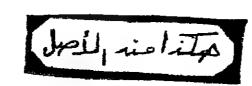
Two new computers are to be manufactured for Amstrad by Intel, the leading chips, and will be based on Intel's powerful 486 chip that is of interest largely to business customers. Amstrad will also sell a more basic 486 computer that will be made by a Far Eastern sub-contractor. Prices, will range from £1,500 to £3,700.

Some of Amstrad's earlier computers, however, are now being sold off cheaply. Crown Computer Products of Lancashire, for example, has just aquired 10,000 Amstrad PC-2386 computers. Sold with Windows 3, Lotus spreadsheet, graphics and word processing programs, the package is being advertised



as buy the software for £700 (including VAT) and get the computer free. The computer has a re-

speciable four megabytes of memory and a 65 megabyte hard disc, but only a mono monitor. Crown is also selling mono versions of Amstrad's PC1512, including printer, for £350.





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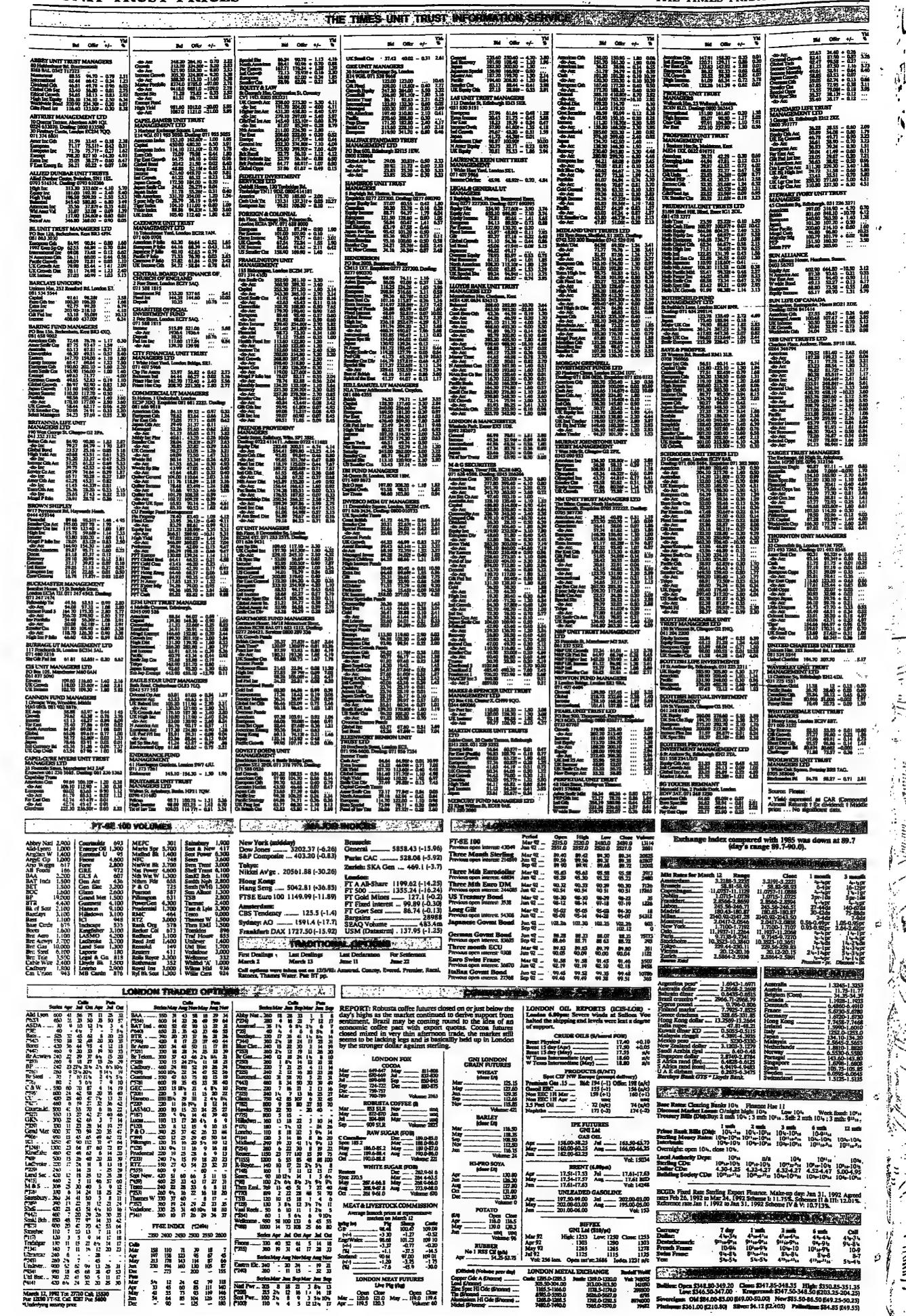
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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

EC to give the region a share of its super-fund

The release of £1 billion in grants from European
Community funds for
poorer regions will greatly
benefit Notinghamshire, where
the county's most famous son is
once said to have practised a similar form of wealth redistribution. On the face of it, Nottinghamshire seems to have weathered the

recession better than many regions. largely because of the wide diversity of industry in Nottingham itself. However, in the northern end of the county the decline of the coal industry has left its mark; unemployment is rising and many small companies that depended on British Coal are being forced out of

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Welcome though the EC's £25 million grant is, the county council and the other local authorities are continuing to work hard to attract new industry and investment into the area.

tic is not to sit and wait for help, but to fight to attract new business and to use any available assistance. To reject an offer from any quarter on dubious political grounds would be anathema to local politicians of

councilor Paddy Tipping, the chaiman of the county finance committee, says: "Our philosophy is one of co-operation with the major companies we already have here and to work closely with the business community to provide the facilities they need and to build up a

good working relationship."
This approach has lead the council's employee pension fund to become a big investor in development projects in the county, invest-ing in commercial and industrial projects with property companies so that new business has a ready pool FARE of well-designed and well-serviced

Mr Tipping says: "As a propos-tion of our pension fund, the in-terments are small, but they are important. They show that we are that that wast and our commitment helps to get A £25m grant is welcomed in the drive to lure new

industry, writes David Young in a special report

work started. Ideally, we would like to attract more large investments to the northern end of the county, where unemployment is higher.

"We are working closely with the local authorities to improve the area's infrastructure to make it

more amostive for investment." There has, however, already been considerable success in attracting new business to the northern end of

The most dramatic has been the decision by the Toray Group to build a production facility at Bulwell. Toray is Japan's biggest manufacturer of synthetic fibres and textiles, high-performance films and engineering plastics, which are used in the cross series. which are used in the space, auto-motive and medical industries.

The decision by the company, one of the most respected in the textile industry worldwide, to come



to the area will not only create more than 400 new jobs but will have a

Totay's choice of Nottingham-shire reflects its faith in the development of the county rather than any access to government handouts. The fact is that every job attracted to the area emphasises that businesses choose Nottinghamshire for its combination of skills, strategic ac-cess and the quality of life it can offer for workers coming into the area. Unlike most areas to the north and even some to the south, Nottinghamshire has no assisted area status; companies there receive no financial benefits from the state or tax advantages.
Successful companies already in

the area have also played a leading role in attracting new industry by becoming involved in joint-venture industrial and commercial site

Boots, the county's best-known company, and the recently privatised East Midlands Electicity Board are regular contributors to projects in the area set up to provide new facilities for business. An important role has also been

An important role has also been played by the Nottingham Development and Enterprise Council, a partnership between local authorities and local industry, and a similar approach is now being adopted by Mansfield 2000, an organisation that was set up to attract new developments into the area around the county's second bissest conurbation. biggest conurbation.

Michael Lyons, the county coun-

cli's chief executive, says: "It is important to emphasise that the picture at the moment is not a bleak one, although it would be wrong to pretend that we have not been hit as hard by the recession as many

There are signs that Notting-hamshire could have an auspicious future. Companies see the area in a positive light and there are many initiatives taking place that we hope will lead to new developments and As the pits disappear, a fight is on for the communities that formed around them



Peter Elderton and his room with a view of Trent Bridge he and his team are now studying the likely effects of new factors

drive through Nottingham-shire vividly portrays the upheaval in Britain's energy business. The county has coal-fired business. The county has coal-fired power stations on the banks of the Trent, criticised by environmentalists and regarded by some trade unionists as potential buyers of foreign coal. There are also plans for a new gas-fired station, which, though environmentally sound, is an equally large threat to Britain's coal industry.

Already 25,000 coal industry iobs have been lost in Nottingham-

Arready 25,000 com mansity jobs have been lost in Nottingham-shire, and 4,000 jobs in related industries. Against this background, the county council is leading the fight to keep and attract jobs. Despite the losses, Nottinghamshire's share of the national coal industry is increasing as vite.

coal industry is increasing as pits close at a baser rate essential.

Peter Elderton, who runs the county planning policy group from the office looking directly down the wicket at Trent Bridge, says: "At its peak in 1981, mining employment peak in 1981, mining employment in Nottinghamshire reached 56.000, more than 18 per cent of all male employment. Today it is below 14,000, only 6 per cent. In 1961 there were 39 pits. Now only

County battles to save villages increasingly dependent on supplying the local power stations. At the

same time new threats facing the

Nottinghamshire coal industry are

striking at the heart of this market."

Mr Elderton and his colleagues are now studying the likely long-term effects that the power indus-

try's privatisation, increased use of

gas, coal imports and renewable

energy sources will have on the

existing coal-fired station at Staythorpe on the Trent. The council has illustrated its objections

county's coal industry.

12 are operating in the county.

"The decline has not been gradual. Between 1964 and 1970, eight pits closed with the loss of 15,000 jobs, but this was followed by stability until 1980. This resulted partly from the trebling of oil prices in the mid 1970s. A further 25,000 colliery jobs have since been lost. with the closure of 16 pits, 13 of which went after 1985. There has been an additional loss of about 4,000 jobs over the same period at non-colliery establishments. To support its indigenous coal industry, the council has opposed National Power's plans for a gas-fired power station alongside the

Compared with the rest of Britain, Nottinghamshire has been partly protected from the decline because of the high proprtion of its coal used locally for power genera-tion, reinforced by the building of new coal-fired power stations in the county in the early 1960s.

"For 20 years, the market for

community thriving because its pit is still operating. Next, they visited Langwith, where unemployment and dereliction have been the main characteristics since its pit closed 14 years ago.

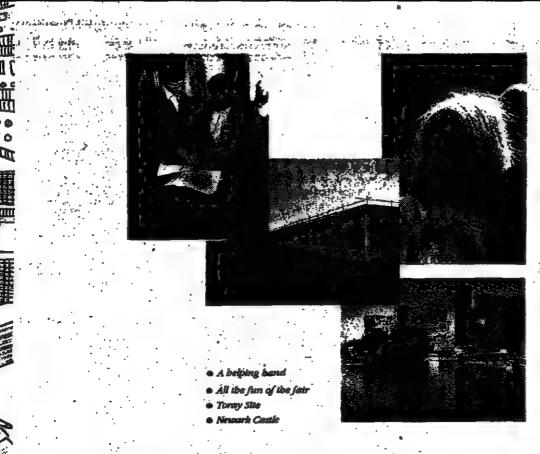
Mr Hilton says: "The gas-fired station at Staythorpe, if built, will destroy not only the economy but

also the community life of a mining village. We do not want our village ruined just because National Power thinks it can make short-term profits from burning gas."

However, the county realises that the coal industry may eventually be privatised, so it invited merchant bankers to show them the productivity gains that have been made.

County Councillor Paddy Tip ping says: "I want them to appreci-ate that the coal industry is now a high-tech industry, all because of the skill and tenacity of Notting-hamshire miners. This is not a cloth-cap industry as many people might think, but a highly skilled, highly professional, high-tech in-

by showing Keith Durrant, the planning inspector, contrasting pit communities. Mr Durrant was "Billsthorpe colliery alone will contribute £600,000 to public sertaken to Blidworth by County Councillor Ray Hilton and shown a





opportunities, talented workforce, support services of every kind, affordable housing and a quality of life second to none - they're all here in Nottinghamshire.



So, to follow Canon, English Heritage, the Home Office Department of Telecommunications, The Inland Revenue, NSK Limited and Toray – all currently on their way to Nottinghamshire - just telephone (0602) 818785 and ask for Economic Development. We'll do the rest.



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City sets itself a challenge

he bustling city centre of Nottingham gives little indication that the recession has hit the county town as hard as the coalfields area in the north of

the county.

However, the city believes the development of inner-city areas is important if long-term problems are not to develop and is meeting the problem before that can happen. The city has established the Nottingham City Challenge Partnership and has submitted a five-year action plan bidding for £37.5 million of government funds that would go towards total spending of £170 million to breather new life into

two areas of the city.

Mrs Betty Higgins, the city council leader, says: "Our hid for the Challenge is strong and innovative. The commitment and enormous amount of time and energy that all the contributors to our bid have invested will, I am convinced, bring the government funding we seek."

Funding is beh size important sought to create only

new jobs and improve homes

More than 60 projects are planned to start in the first year, among them:

225 residents attaining National Vocational Qualifi-

● 62,000 sq ft of new or refurbished commercial premises ● 175 permanent jobs

● 400 improved homes
● 1,100 new trees planted
● 3,700 young people taking part in sport and adventure opportunities.

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opportunities.

The organisers hope that by the end of year five, more than 7,500 jobs will have been created in areas where at present one in four people do not have a job. The people

behind the campaign emphasise that although jobs are important, they are not the only factor in the regeneration

Mrs Higgins says: "City Challenge is about training, decent housing, a safer, more attractive environment and a boost to the confidence of people in the St Annes and Snemton areas."

irst task for the the Challenge organisers is to attract £90 million of private funds to lay foundations for the future economic prosperity of the target areas. To stimulate local business development, a business loan scheme is being

With unemployment high in the two areas, the Challenge will also be investing £6 million to break down the barriers between people and jobs by providing 2,000 training places and 300 child-care places in the next five years.



Confident of support: Betty Higgins, the council leader, says: "Our bid is strong"

Shopping centre cashes in on the best design

The city keeps its character during

modernisation

NOTTINGHAM has managed to blend its ancient network of narrow streets crammed with shops with the new generation of covered malls, without creating islands of commercial developments that leave large areas unpopulated during evenings

Unlike many areas of the country, the country's property market has been lively in recent months and there are now signs that many schemes classed as "in the pipeline"

will be completed this year.

The county council, which monitors property movements, has found activity so far centred on the retail and commercial sectors. Among the large projects likely to appear are an extension of the Victoria Centre,



Ancient origins: Nottingham's retail centre is said to contain the busiest shopping street in Europe

following the 20-year-old development's sale at £10 million. The centre, which provides 550,000 sq ft of retail space, has planning permission for a further 164,000 sq ft in a scheme providing a department store and parking for 850 cars. The

city's other large shopping complex, the Broadmarsh Centre, owned by PosTel, is also likely to increase in size, offering 180,000 sq ft of retail space, 200,000 sq ft of office space and parking for a further 500 cars. The county, city and district councils

are now discussing the scheme, which will open a large area around the railway station development. Nottingham is also about to embark on developing a third shopping centre. Guardian Royal Exchange

centre to link the Victoria Centre with the traditional shopping streets. The first phase will be aimed at easing pedestrian congestion on Chumber Street, said to be the busiest shopping street in Europe.

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Out of town, the Castle Meadow
Retail Park, developed for 64 million
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filled by tenants. Another six-acre
size is being developed by the county
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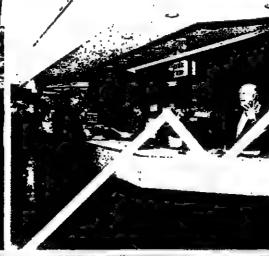
This development and the Corner Pin site in the city are being developed to retain historic buildings and to provide several acres of open space.

Space.
On the hospital site, an attraction commemorating Nottingham's role in the Civil War 350 years ago will be built. Charles I raised his standard there on August 22 to mark the start of the war.

Mike Hammons, of PSA, the government estate developers, says:
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Robin Hood to the rescue

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Full steam ahead Paddy Tipping, not put off by a lack of government funding

regular passenger service from Nottinghatii through several rural areas to Mansfield. The county has already committed £5.8 million to the

project.
Councillor Paddy Tipping the leader of the county brance committee, says: million."

"The government has not recognised the line and has refused to accept our bid for financial assistance. Our rapid transit system. The parliamentary Bill approving the project has already had its application was for £3.84 second reading and £2 million has been raised from the The project will still go ahead, albeit at a slower pace, and will not affect the develpublic and private sector. more than £700,000 of it

Heading the project steer-ing group is John Heppell, a county councilior. "A great deal of work needs to be done locally in securing the future for light rail transit (LRT) in Nottingham," he says. "The county and city coun-

cils, together with Nottingham Development Enterprise, have received a massiv vote of support some leading businesses in the county. Our aim was to encourage the business sector to share some of the costs and some of the responsibility for the development of the system, and I am happy to say that our commitment has been matched

"Recognising the potential that LRT will bring to the city in terms of efficient transpor is only part of the story. The benefits to the economy and the long-term future of ter Nottingham can only be realised with invest-

Brides fall in love with lace

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ottingham lace has a special feel that mil-lious of brides have experienced, including a serics of cinema and stage Maid Marians.

Over the past ten years, so many Japanese brides have blushed under a veil of lace from the city that Japan's biggest wedding outfitter has now formed a partnership with a local company, providing the ultimate in westernstyle wedding attire in which they can greet their guests at the traditional matrimonial celebrations

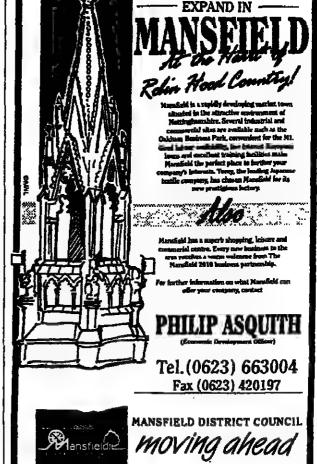
On her wedding day, a Japanese woman will wear four dresses. Some brides will spend up to £38,000 for the four outlits.

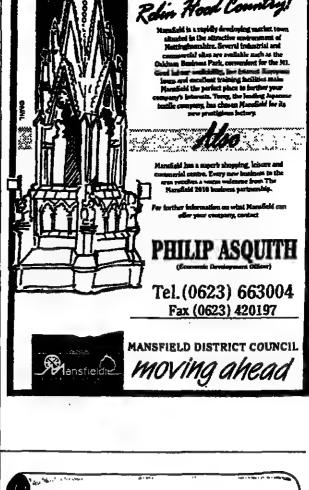
The ultimate is a tra-ditional, hand-made white gown made from the finest materials and the ultimate range is that offered by Dress Black, a Japanese chain that has joined forces with Carousel Embroidery (Pikella). The new company, in which two-thirds of the investment will be Japanese will provide dresses for 17 outlets in Japan.

So serious is the business of white weddings in Japan that Dress Black has sent its own production manager to Nottingham to oversee the operation. Ms Yoko Shimizu s working with Peter Gerry and the trained work-force over the next three years to produce a special line of dresses that will be sold exclusively in Japan.

The county council has

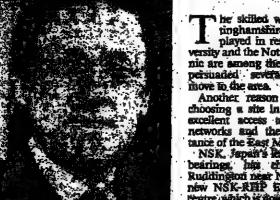
The county council has also provided help for other members of the Nottinghamshire clothing industry and helped finance five companies to attend an intensive two-day seminar in West Germany on how companies in West Germany and Italy have become successful







University lures business Local research skills



tinghamshire and the role played in research by the university and the Nottingham Polytechnic are among the factors that have persuaded several companies to

Another reason often given for choosing a site in the county is its choosing a size in the county is instructed and rail networks and the growing importance of the East Midlands Airport.

NSK Japan's Rading producer of bearings, him chosen a size at Ruddington near Nottingham for its new NSK-RHP European research teams which is now being built and is due to be opened officially later this way. The certific will negform fundayear. The centre will perform fundamental tribology and materials research to develop bearings for secospace, indistrial, automotive and engineering sectors.

The centre is being developed in conjunction with RHP, Britain's lead-

to companies which NSK acquired two years ago.

are a draw

A £10 million investment programme in the facility and its equipment will enable it to provide crucial support for NSK's European manufacturing

NSK, a leading manufacturer of bearings, automotive components and machine parts, has manufacturing plants in the United States, the Continent, Brazil and Korea, as well as in Japan. The new research centre will work

closely with NSK's central research and development facility at Fujisawa in Japan and there will be a regular exchange of engineers between the two countries, as well as on-line computer access to NSK Fujisawa.

of awards in the area of research grants and contracts to more than 522.5 million, in the teeth of the recession, reflected the hard work of staff in all faculties." The university, the most popular in the country in terms of applications from potential undergraduates, has won an award for a brochure to help strengthen links between the city and

ond place among British universities in attracting research awards from

industry. Professor Colin Campbell,

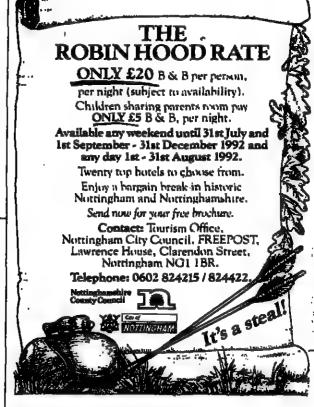
the vice-chancellor, said: "The fact

that the university increased its level

The brochure, which appeared last summer, featured a joint introduction by Alan White, the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, and Professor Camp-bell, and is designed to introduce the new University Arts Centre to the public. In fact, the judges decided that the brochure was a work of art in



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Government's moving gesture

Plant by the government to transfer their civil service staff out of central London have been welcomed by Netringalian and those employers. Involved, once the benefits direct bear explained. The decision to

transfer the Inland Revenue's headquarters to the city will also give the area a new architectural landmark, once the final design has been

Six architects submitted proposals for the new offices

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house 1,800 staff. They have been publicly exhibited and the final choice will be made from a shortlist of three, which has yet to be announced.

The most favoured design at the exhibition, submitted by Sir Richard Rogers, won visitors and was described by one of the judges as an

He said the design offers operational flexibility and encompases swathes of landscape and waterscape, promsing a wonderful internal

and external environment". While the architectural details are being sorted out those who will have to uproot ives from the South-East are visiting the area and

Estate agents, health services, transport companies, schools and sports facilities have put on exhibitions of what they have to offer and groups of 100 families at a north and in most cases

Ken and Pat Adams, who are moving from Surrey, have already put a deposit on a house in the Woodethorpe "We are looking forward to not having to commute. It takes us anything from 40 minutes to 90 minutes to get to work now, depending on the trains. Here it will take only 20 minutes," says Mr Adams.

nother couple on the Lorraine Callanan, who have two young children. Mr Callanan says: "We are expecting a better quality of life and not having to put up

with commuting problems."
The success of the Inland Revenue operation will un-doubtedly have a knock-on effect and DTELS, the Home Office telecommunications arm, has chosen a site at Ruddington in the south of the city as its new national headquarters. DTELS will move in next year, creating 110 new jobs, many of which will be filled by local people. PSA Building Manage

ment, the government prop-erty agency, negotiated the deal and has predicted more government departments will soon move into the area. Mike Hammans of the PSA says: "I expect the PSA to announce more deals within the next 12 months. Nottinghamshire has all the

advantages being sought by our government and private sector dients. "It has an excellent labour force and superb communications. Clients are finding, too, that local property prices

Nigel Finlayson, the head of DTELS, says: "Relocating to Nottinghamshire will cut our operating costs and give staff a better work environ-

"Our new office accommodation is ideal. We found the county council economic devclopment unit's help invaluable in choosing it. We will take over the office in August and we hope staff will start moving in from September." Ruddington Fields Busi-

ness Park is part of the county council redevelopment of a former ordnance depot. where 240 acres have been turned into a country park and 45 acres developed for businesses. Another coup has been the attraction of English Heritage, which will move its headquarters to the city in 1994. Two possible sites have been shortlisted, one in the city's historic lace market and a canal-side site being developed by the British Water

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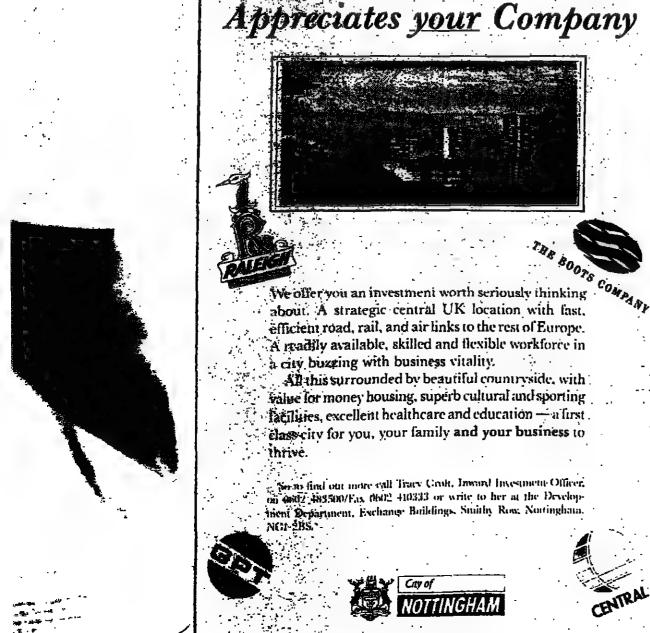
- Rated number one by school leavers. A survey by the Sunday Times shows Nottingham has 16 applications for every undergraduate place, making it the most popular university in the country. Leadership in promoting regional Access policies to broaden University entrance continues.
- Research awards reach new heights despite the recession. Awards rise from £20 million to £22 million, following three years in which research funding had already doubled. Nottingham holds second place for research funding from UK industry and commerce.
- * Nottingham is a financially strong University. Income and expenditure are in balance at £105 million. New investments of £4.5 million in research and student residential buildings, with support from the University's own funds.
- Record year as a Conference Centre. The University's East Midlands Conference Centre has enjoyed a second successive record year in respect of income generated from the vacation use of Halls of Residence and the purpose-built Jesse Boot Conference Centre.

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Englishman masters difficult conditions

Gilford secures a share of the lead in the Catalan Open

FROM MEL WESS IN GIRONA

he did last year, without hav-

WHILE they were all looking elsewhere, the quiet man of European golf stole, unannounced and almost unnoticed, into a share of the lead in the Catalan Open at Mas Nou yesterday.

David Gilford, who, with a 67, the best round of the day. shared the lead after two rounds on 140, four under par. is so self-effacing that he might be overlooked in a crowd of three.

That would be a mistake, because this prematurely balding 26-year-old with the off-course demeanour of a slightly put-upon filing clerk. plays golf with rare grit and determination, even if he does You do not win more than £250,000 in a season and

ing a fighting quality or two tucked away in your locker. Yesterday, he was as he ever is - open, friendly, polite and relentlessly modest. When pushed, he admitted he had played "quite nicely". Quite nicely? This was the man who, with the wind howling, the temperature dropping and scores soaring on this course that sits on the flat-

three holes in four under par. Gilford, who shares the lead with Roger Winchester. and Magnus Sunesson, of Sweden, hit a six-iron to six feet and made the putt for a birdie on the 1st hole. On the 2nd, he hit a seven-iron from

tened top of a dynamited

mountain, played the first

SCORES FROM GIRONA



once six feet short of the pin and rolled in for an eagle two. He then birdied the 3rd from A dropped shot on the 9th

appear in the Ryder Cup, as 145 yards, the ball bounced

was cancelled out by a birdie on the 10th and his final act of a highly-satisfactory day at the office was a three-foot putt for birdie on the 18th. Many of his more extrovert peers punched the air and scattered high fives all over the place. Gilford contented himself with a small smile.

However, all three leaders could not help but be aware of the presence of one Jose-Ma-ria Olazabai lurking three strokes behind after a 69. He is still the man to watch.

Meanwhile, the winner of this championship in 1989. Mark Roe, will not win it this year: be retired after dropping seven strokes in six holes of freezing misery in the

"It was like trying to play golf in a refrigerator," he said. Roe was suffering ago-nies from an aching back and, to add to his problems, had failed to pack any coldweather gear. Unprofessionoften do you have to take the wind chill factor into account on the Costa Brava?

Thomas offers experience

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

IN 1948, the Curtis Cup team list was pinned to a noticeboard in the Royal Birkdale clubhouse and the players went through the public trial of looking to see if they had been favoured or rejected. Nowadays, things are more civilised and the players were sent letters earlier this week before the rest of us were informed.

The Great Britain and Ireland side to face the United States in the 1992 match at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, on June 5 and 6. looks a good mix of old hands and newcomers. All eight were in the Vagliano Trophy team that beat Europe last September, as was Fiona Edmond, who will consider herself unlucky to be dropped to

England supplies the three

and Caroline Hall, both teeragers and joint runners-up in the Harder Hall tournament in Florida earlier this year, and Joanne Morley, the Daily Telegraph golfer of the year last year after winning two English titles and one British.

The experience rests with Vicki Thomas, the indestructible Welsh player who will be playing in her sixth consecu-tive match, and Claire Hourihane, of Ireland, recalled for her fourth appearance. Both were in the sides that won at Prairie Dunes in Kansas in 1986 and at Royal St George's in 1988.

The backbone of the side should be the remaining three players: Julie Hall, the former British champion who the Spanish international newcomers: Nicola Buxton championship last weekend,

and Catriona Lambert and Elaine Farquharson, of

Lambert, considered by many good judges the out-standing player in the country, became the first Briton to win the Doherty matchplay title in Florida a few weeks ago. She and Farquhargon. regular foursomes partners, will be playing in their second Curtis Cup, while Hall will be in her third match.

□ Vicki Thomas is among those competing today for the Rochampton Gold Cup. Susan Shapcott, who gave up professional golf last year, is also taking part.

TEAM: N Bus

Ipswich survive a close call

BY GORDON ALIAN

PAT Mann, Beryl Tricker and Margaret Insley, of ipswich, survived two extra ends against Havant to reach the semi-finals of the English women's indoor triple championship at Stevenage

One shot down on the first extra end, Carole Lloyd, the Havant skip, drove the jack off the rink. On the replay she was forced to use weight again, but this time without success and Ipswich went through 18-17, to face Leicester (Ethel Clarke, Doreen Worster and Pauline Richardson), who also had a close encounter with Cum-

bria, winning 18-17. Diane Sekjer skipped her Moat Park companions. Sandy Hazell and Ann Lawrence, to a 23-10 victory over Picketts Lock, a count of six near the finish extinguishing any lingering hope the Ed-

The other semi-finalists are Joyce Foster, Gill Cousins and Brenda Brown, of Col-

chester. Doris Woodley and Wendy Anderson, of Thamesdown, won the unbadged pairs final, defeat-ing Jill Price and Nova Ed-wards, of British Cellophane,

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Thrilling finale: Cool Ground, far side, edges out The Fellow by a short head in the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup yesterday

Pitman tactics foil Carvill's Hill

BY RICHARD EVANS

CHELTENHAM Gold Cup decided by controversial race tactics ended yesterday with Cool Ground gaining the narrowest of victories over The Fellow.

The record books will say that the luckless French raider, just beaten by Garrison Savannah last year, went down for the second successive year by a short head with Docklands Express a further length away in

But the bare statistics do not begin to tell the story of a race which would have fascinated a chess grand master— and involved Jenny Piunan exposing a fatal chink in the armour of Carvill's Hill, the even money favourite. The downfail of Martin

Pipe's rejuvenated chaser. masterminded with precision, began in the first 100 yards of the race as Golden Freeze took off like a fivefuriong sprinter to keep up with Carvill's Hill and jump alongside at the first.

The impact was immediare The favourite, allowed to race alone out in front in his

suspect jumping technique

snapped.
The ten-year-old clouted the first fence hard and his confidence took a visible battering. Golden Freeze then proceeded to toy with Carvill's Hill for a full circuit and

destroy any hope of victory.

As Richard Hitchens, owner of the Golden Freeze, so accurately explained afterwards: "He exposed Carvill's Hill and played him like a violin with great jumping and by going back and forwards. "We didn't do it to unsettle Carvill's Hill, but to take him

on. We didn't do it to give Toby Balding's horse a lead either but, unfortunately, de-spite finishing fourth, Toby Tobias knocked himself and damaged his leg.
"Many trainers have said if they had a horse to do it they

would have done so. There was nothing untoward. It was just commonsense. He did Apart from several minor errors, Carvill's Hill made howlers at the ninth and

welfth fences. Golden Freeze was pulled up shortly after-wards, but by then he had completed his task to COOL GROUND on g Over The River-Marry Spring (Whitcombe Menor Ltd) 10-12-0 A Meguire (25-1) 1. The Fellow b g Italic - L'Oraneire

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Although Carvill's Hill re-gained the lead following the departure of Golden Freeze, it was only on sufferance as The Fellow, Cool Ground and Docklands Express waited to The favourite finally faded

between the last two fences, leaving The Fellow in the lead, almost certainly too early. Francois Doumen's seven-year-old still looked the winner going to the last, but Adrian Maguire completed a dream first season riding in Britain by forcing Cool Ground ahead 30 yards from the line. He was subsequently suspended from riding for four days, starting on March 21, for excessive use of the Carvill's Hill could barely summon the energy to walk across the finishing line, last of the five horses to complete the course.

Pipe was close to tears as he spoke about "the most shattering day of my life." The champion trainer would not be drawn on the

tactics which had brought about the downfall of his great hope. "He was unsettled early on and never got his jumping together. It is very disappointing, Carvill's Hill is a very good horse but I suppose you could say a handicapper has won the Gold Cup. Racing has its ups and downs and we will be

The horse was spot on beforehand and we were very happy with him. He was nessed about early on and seemed to have all the heart knocked out of him."

Scudamore added: "The horse was not capable of walking past the line at the end. He was not tired, he had just given up in the end."

Toby Balding, who had always had the Martell Grand National as Cool Ground's main objective, now joins a select band of

trainers to have won a Cham-

pion Hurdle, Gold Cup and Grand National. The original plan was that today would be a pipe-opener for Cool Ground before the Grand National. As it turned out, you could not have had a better preparation. He has had a tough race, but he is a hardy campaigner. Provided

he comes out of the race all

right and we don't get fast ground at Aintree, he will

The Gold Cup winner was immediately cut by William Hill to 6-1 favourite for the four-and-a-half marathon. The rights and wrongs of

Mrs Pitman's strategy will remain a talking point for weeks to come. Interestingly, other leading trainers were quick to say it had been entirely acceptable.

Kim Bailey, trainer of

Docklands Express, summed up the general view, saying: "The horse has a chink in his armour and they found it out today. Many people will say it is unfair but at the end of the day you are here to win. If there is a chink in a boxer's armour an opponent will find it out in the first round. I know it is a sport, but you don't give everything away."

Sherwood saddles 339-1 double

BY MICHAEL SEELY

SIMON Sherwood, Desert Orchid's former jockey, hit the training big-time in spec-tacular fashion at Cheltenham yesterday by landing a 339-1 double with Duke Of Monmouth and Dusty

Storming up the hill in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle, the blinkered Duke Of Monmouth, a 33-1 chance, romped home by six lengths to become the third winner of the four-year-old championship in the past four years to start at 25-1 or longer.

Dusty Miller, however, was a heavily-backed 9-1 chance, and sprinted home to heat Bank View by one-and-a-half lengths in the competitive County Handicap Hurdle.

Even after recalling those emotion-charged moments in 1989 when driving Desert Orchid to that famous victory over Yahoo in the Gold Cup. the second-season trainer was an even more elated man in the unsaddling enclosure Mutham back in third.

That was fantastic," he said. "Training is much more satisfying than riding ever was. I've now had two winners and a third from only three runners at the Festival. I can only go downhill from

Mark Richards, emerging from comparative obscurity, having been regarded as a journeyman jockey at the minor meetings, was also on cloud nine. That was incredible. Duke Of Monmouth hardly ever came off the bri-dle. I hit the front far too soon. He started to tie up, so I

had to give him one." The story of the race is easily told. Richards sent Duke Of Monmouth up to challenge Canny Chronicle at the second hurdle from home and soon went clear. Richard Dunwoody and Crowded House came home strongly to finish second with Al

The disappointment of the race was the running of Staunch Friend, who was the subject of a heavy plunge from 10-1 down to favouritism at 5-1. The gamble of the race made a forward move at the third last which soon petered out and

he was pulled up before the final flight. Jamie Osborne, was coolness personified when riding Dusty Miller from well off the pace to go clear up the hill in

the County Hurdle. "The form of his Warwick race was very good," said Sherwood. "But John Francome, who watched it. said that it would be better if we hung onto him as long as

"I thought of going for a two-and-a-half mile race at Lingfield on Saturday. But when the bookmakers made us third favourite here, we thought we better have a go."

Osborne claims Ritz with five victories

Dusty Miller in yesterday's he said. County Handicap Hurdle completed a fabulous Cheltenham for the 24-year-old jockey who, with five victories, won the Ritz Club Charity Trophy, awarded to the leading rider at the meeting (Michael Seely writes).

Richard Durwoody, Marcus Armytage and Mark Richards rode two winners aniece. But Dunwoody, with more placings to his credit, took second place in the char-

Both Richards and Dunwoody had to wait until the last two races to claim their second successes at the

In the Cathcart Challenge Cup, Richards drove Repeat The Dose to a one-and-half lengths defeat of Toranfield to give Tim Etherington his first success at the festival. "Rough Quest and Repeat The Dose have been my first

JAMIE Osborne's victory on two runners at the festival,"

Dunwoody had an armchair ride on Montelado, who won the first running of the Tote Festival bumper by 12 lengths for Pat Flynn. This easy winner gave the Irish only their second winner of the meeting.
Richard Barber's Rushing

Wild, ridden by Justin Farthing, was impressive in beating Ardesee by 25 lengths in the Christies Foxhunters' Challenge Cup.

Crowds down

For the third day running, attendances were down. Yesterday's total of 59,942 was 10.8 per cent down on last year's figure of 55,897. Over the three days, a total crowd of 118,786 watched a magnificent festival of racing. However, the overall figure

was 7.72 per cent down on

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Dover still seek promotion

BY WALTER GAMMIE

DOVER Athletic still bear the scars of their rejection by the GM Vauxhall Conference two years ago when they won the Beazer Homes League but found that a promise of work to be done on their Crabble Athletic ground was not enough to secure promo-

"It was devastating," Chris Kinear, the Dover manager, said. "People still muttter about it, especially as the work on the ground was done before the start of the season. It's hard to get everyone going again, but you cannot use that as an excuse." This season, two of the

clubs in a close hunt for the

Beazer Homes title, Bashley and Cambridge City, are not expected to meet the Conference's ground-grading criteria, which leaves tomorrow's contest between Dover and VS Rugby as an important stepping stone on the way to the non-League's top flight.
"We won up there I-0,"
Kinear said. "I know Jimmy Knox [the Rugby manager] reasonably well and the two sides always have close games, usually with one goal the difference. I shouldn't expect this one to be any different. We've lost only three games this season and only one in the last 12, but we've been drawing quite a lot of matches and we've really got

to beat Rugby." Kinear has long-term inju-ry absentees. Tim Dixon, Kenny Dyer and Mark Harrop, returning to fitness. He has also signed Paul Malcolm, a forward, from Fisher Athletic, Malcolm has scored five goals in eight matches



Stiles: guest of honour

and supplemented the part-nership of Leroy Ambrose and Tony Rogers, who has been through a lean spell since Christmas.

Rugby, who go in to the match unheaten since New Year's day, will prepare by staying overnight at Clifton-ville, near Dover. Jimmy Knox, their manager, said:
"We've got a bit of experience in the side, there's very few whose knees will be shaking or anything like

The Conference has told Rugby that it must put con-crete fencing behind one of its goals and put in another 150 seats, which will cost an estimated £35,000. They've told us what they want and the chairman, Roy Galli-more, has made a commitment to do it," Knox said.

Knox himself is enjoying a testimonial season — Nobby Stiles was the guest of honour at a sportsman's dinner for him last night — after 11 years at the club. "You've got to be slightly mad to stay put for all that time, I suppose, but it's been all ups," Knox

RUGBY LEAGUE.

Davies will lead Wales at Swansea

JONATHAN Davies has gained some consolation for him miss the Great Britain v France match by being named again as captain of Wales for the game against France at Vetch Field, Swansea, a week on Sunday (Keith Macklin writes). Davies is expected to recov-

er in time and the Wales coach, Clive Griffiths, is looking for another attacking performance similar to the one which demolished Papua New Guinea 68-0 at the same venue in October.

Since that victory, five of the Wales team - Anthony Sullivan. Jonathan Griffiths, Allan Bateman, Mark Jones and John Devereux - have gone on to play for Great Britain against France

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SCHOOLS RUGBY

Dollar control nerves and stay unbeaten

BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

DOLLAR Academy concluded a magnificent season with an 18-12 victory over George Watson's College. They scored four tries to nil and overcame some heroic tackling by the losers, plus more than a hint of nerves at the final hurdle from their own This was their first unbeat-

en side since records began in the 1870s and they achieved 16 wins from 16 matches and scored 666 points to 104 conceded. Coleraine Academical In-

stitute safely negotiated a demanding quarter-final in the Ulster Schools Cup, when they beat Belfast Royal Acadeasy 12-0. In the other quarter-finals, Methodist CB beat Campbell (20-7). Ballydare HS beat Wallace HS (6-4). and Bangor GS put out

Omagh Academy (28-0). RGS High Wycombe, Bradford's opponents in the Daily Mail Cup semi-finals at Castlecroft on March 21, enjoyed a short Irish tour. losing to St Mary's College.

Dublin (21-16) but bearing Clongowes College (6-16) and King's Hospital School (3-19). Leeds GS, who broke even

in their domestic season, also toured. They lost their first match 38-0 to an impressive Portugal under-18 side, before beating two under-18 department sides from Lis bon University, Agronomia (23-6) and Technico (20-14). With the sevens season

moving towards the Rosslyn Park tournament in the week commencing March 23, Rossall, winners of the North of England tournament at Birkenhead Park, where they beat Trent College, the hold-ers, 14-6, showed they could well be a force in the Rosslyn Park tournament.

Rossall accounted for Barnard Castle (22-0) in one semi-final, while Trent disposed of Stonyhurst (18-12) in the other. But Rossall perhaps relied rather more than they should have done on the power and pace of their fine wing, Ilago Amako,

The seven-year-old, trained

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33 Green's Ven Goyen, Hasher, Kashen,
Pharly Story, Absalom's Lady, 40 Ngmegen (pu), 50 Kayhasi, Master Foodbroker, 68 Dancing Packy, Vallant
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2.50 RITZ CLUB NATIONAL MUNT HANDICAP CHASE (\$28,805.3m 1f) TIPPING TIM b g King's Ride - Jeanshie (Mrs J Mould) 7-10-0 C Liewellyn (\$20-1) 1.

Henry Mann br g Mandalus - Little Dipper (L Wilson) 9-10-9 G McCourt (3-1 fev) 2.

(15-2)
ALSO RAN: 7 Topsham Bay (bu), 15-2
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winner since, in a similar race at Lingfield and was also a creditable second to King's

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Martin Fige 8 newcomer contain Mist demands respect.
Sherwood's brother, Simon, should also be on the

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facing this lesser opposition, he can resume winning ways. In the Reduced Betting Tax Novices' Hurdle, Sherwood will be hoping Amour Royal is in a better mood than when he refused to race last time. but even so I prefer the claims handicap hurdle at Warwick Sherwood: fine chance class should not be beyond for Far Over Struy Lee can initiate a double 2.20 Scarlet Express, 2.50 Sanamar, 3.20 Loch Blue. 3.50 Va Lute. 4.20 Ebony Swell. 4.50 2.20 The Hidden City. 2.50 Sansmar. 3.20 Loch Blue. 3.50 Val Lune. 4.20 Another Schedule. 4.50

3.50 HIDDLETON AGGREGATES ... HANDICAP HURDLE (22.301: 2m 80yd) (8) # 1 Tatt VALUTE 22 (D.F.B.S) P. Nichola 6-11-12 P. Hughes (7)
2 URD1 SPANISH WRISPER 26 (CD.G.S) J Bestock 5-10-17
3 2188 STRAIGHT LACED 16 (B.D) P. Clinic 5-10-6
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4.20 DEWFRESH MUSHROOMS HANDICAP CHASE (22,801; 2m 5f 110yd) (10) HANDECAP CHASE (\$2,801: 2m Sf 110yd) (10)

1 8855 ANOTHER SCHEDULE 18 (F,8) C Brooks 11-11-18
G Bradby
2 5412 EBONY SWELL 38 (CD,8F,8,8) 8 Camples 11-11-12
B 1913 ASEBOY 155 EDD F,8) M Pyen 15-11 E P Midgley (7)
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B 2840 ANOTHER TROUP 11 (B,F,8) R Pyen 16-11 E D Toursel
T R-P RSIN DE TOUT 9 (7) K Wingsey 9-10-7. A Carroll
8 0511 DEADLINE 28 (C,G,S) J Leigh 9-10-8. S CRING (8)
B 2855 EANL BONNAN 11 (8) F Henry 9-10-8. S CRING (8)
B 2855 EANL BONNAN 11 (8) F Henry 9-10-8. S CRING (1)
D 3658 GLISE FRINCE 30 R Rows 12-10-9. L. Decc (7)
D 4 Another Schedule 4-1 Decc Min. 6-1-Aborty, Ebony Swell 3-1 Another Schedule, 4-1 Deadline, 6-1 Aberby, Ebony Swi 8-1 Glebe Prince, 10-1 Selcombe Herbour, 12-1-others.

4.50 JEWSON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS (£1,548: 2m 80yd) (7) 3 4455 SWAN WALK 38 Mrs N Macrosley 4-10-9 S D Williams
4 34-1 SPHING 155 (0) J Routeck 5-10-9 J Twomey
5 055 THUHOOL 7 R Rove 4-10-1 L Does
5 880 NORLE RISE 347 J Bestock 9-10-0 A Wingsto
7 /SP LOVEL VIZZE 9 K Wingrove 8-10-0 \$-1 Jan-Ris, 7-2 Sequestrator, 4-1 Sphins, 6-1 Swen Wells, 10-1 Thumosi, Noble Rise, 12-1 Lovely Lizzie.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRADIESS: C Stools; 7 -- Inners from 18 / Inners, IRLINC M Ryen, 5 from 18, 37.9x; J Jackins, 7 flore 34, 17 Junic Mrs D Heine, 3 from 20, 15.0%. (Only qualifiers). JOCKEYS: J Twomby, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; A Carrol, 7 from 59, 17.9%; Mr P Harding-Jones, 3 from 28, 18.0%. (Only qualifiers).

Treble for Green Silver

3.20 RMC GROUP WEST NORFOLK NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,400: 2m 5f 110yd) (9) 1 /1 LOCH BLUE 11 (G,8) 8 Dow 10-11-13 C Bornet: Welle (7) 2 /1 POLYGONUM 8 (9,8) W Burnel 10-11-18 2 /1 POLYGONUM 8 (9,8) W Burnel 10-11-18 W Burnel (7)
3 -282 FINAL SPRING 11 P Warms 6-11-7 J Princhard (7)
4 /8- GARDEN CENTRE BOY 683 (6) B Hafferman (7)
5 00P- GLENCOE BOY 441 (F) P Jones 9-11-7 B Hefferman (7)
6 3P4- NCOGHAN 365 T Dyer 10-11-7 R Dyer (7)
7 324- GUICK REACTION 564 (F) May E Health 9-11-7 P Leeny (7)
8 JEH TAMATOUS 11 50 J Juniolog 6-11-7

GREEN Silver, trained by Len Lungo, defied an 8lb penalty to complete a treble in the Plover Hill Novices' Handicap Chase at Hexham yesterday. Ballylord returned to winning form in the Fallowfield Conditional Jockeys' Handicap despite drifting from 7-4 to 5-2 favourite.

45 Loch Stue, 3-1 Polygonum, 11-2 Final Spring, 10-1 Culck. Reaction, Nicoghan, 14-1 Tamatour, 16-1 others.

Fastrion, Withy Sent. (pul). 17 ran. NPC Mistor Christian. 2, 4(, 251, 154, 254, 16 Twistor-Davies at Chulterham. Tota: \$21,00; £4,00, £1,50, £1,50, £1,50. DF: \$55,30. This: £167,00. GSF: £73,84. Trianat: £411,85. 5.50 TOTE FESTIVAL NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (\$12,185; 2m) 1.30 TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Grade I: £95,532 3m 2f) HUNT FLAT RACE (C12, 1985 2m)
MONTELADO b g Montalimer - Mielipasis (F Hannott) 5-11-18 R Dermeopoly (8-1) 1.

Tisherement Squere b g Cleminion - Oriental Star (Mrs J Magniery 4-11-0 Mr T-Hyde (8-4 tev)
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Maneree b m Mencletus - Derminions - Official Star (1987), 16 Montalies Le Care (801), 20 Bucto-Choice, Surreat Rock, Billy Bortu, 25 Phenoreira Son, Startoner Of Silver, 33 Space Captain, Fun Monrey (301), Shearamad Starle, Visage, Zanyman (401), 50 Ferrar Hell, Mester's Crown, 100 Gen-Rur (pu), Sestion's Hero, C J Tryns (pu), Lady Of Horne (bd.), 23 min. NPC Couldm's Be Better, 12, 10, 2, 4, nk. P Flyns in aretaed, Totas 59.40, 25.00, p. 15, 12.00, 24.90, DF: 212.40. Time £38.00. CSP: 220.84. SEE FACING PAGE 4.05 CHRISTES FOXHUNTER CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (Amisteric £18,810: 3m 2) RUSHING WILD by Rushmere-Lady Ent (J Katytiey) 7-12-0 J Festiving (8-1) Ardesee of p LeCog D'O'r Katie Little (9 Whittle) 12-12-0 J Winitis (100-1) En Ardeee of g La-Coq D'Or - Kama Latie D'
Wintie) 12-12-0 J Whitte (100-1)
3. Federal Trooper of g Assertain - Rough
Crossing (P Bonner) 11-12-0 T McCarthy
(12-1)
ALSO RANK 5-2 law Dun Gay Liae, 9-2
Wall Game (Sth), 8 Raise An Argument, 19
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14 Mount Argus (pu), 52 Sentic Laisure
(ur), Dromin Joker, The Red One (4th), 50
Curaheen Boy, 66 Matatic (pu), Cueaneway Boy, 100 Doubla Turn (pu), Floreguide Tech, Katesville, Sporting Mariner
(pu), Turn Mir (pu), Bellyeden (pu), 200
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hd, 12, R Barber at Basminster, Tote:
CT-LOC; 23,40, 128,80, 52,90, DF-2558,50,
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£24,16,29.

Jackpot: not won (Pool of 298,920.58 cerned forward to Lingfield Park today). Placepot: £3,418.00. Hexham -

Going: soit 2.00 (2m ch) 1, Moorfield Lady (A Lumach, 9-2); 2, Repent Cross (14-1); 3, Spree Cross (5-1), Obellet (5-4 fev. 15 mn. 8, hd. B Wildness, Toke: 27.00; 22.30, 22.30, 55.70, DF: 272.20, CSF: EF7.58, 2.35 (25.70, DF: 272.20, CSF: EF7.58, 4.40 COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade II: £18.964; 2m) (Grade II: £18.964: 2m)
DUSTY MILLER b g Current Magic Floyal Berb (Massenhip Down Rading) 610-8 J Cabome (9-1)
Benk View ch g Crofter - Stony Ground
(Date (Blooderlock) Ltd) 7-11-3 G McCourt
(9-1) 2.35 (2m hole) 1, The Green Foot (4) 3mith, 25-1); 2, Shanbel Track (14-1); 3, Souson (5-11 ten), 19 ran, 20, hel. V Thompson, Tota: \$141,80; 220.20, 28.30, \$1.20. DP: \$236.50, CSF: \$382.08. 8.10 (4m of) 1, Dublous Jates (R Hodge, 41 fav); 2, Bores Over (15-2); 3, Bow Handy Man (5-1); 14 ran, 14, 301. R Woodhouse, Tota: £3.20; £2.50, £3.40, £3.30, OF: £14.80, CSF; £20.33. Tricast: £123.55. 1123.56 3.50 (2m holis) 1, Ballytord (J Clayton, 5-2 ton); 2, Statistor (3-1); 3, Grey Martin (6-2), 7 ran. NP: Wreldn Majooy. 10, nk. J 7 Neill. Tokes 22.60; 21.30; 1-30. DF-59.20. CSF: £11.42. Triesst: £31.34.

(Date (Blooderteck) Ltd) 7-11-3 G McCourt (9-1)
2. Viking Plagethlo b' g Viking - Fourth Degree (Roach Feeda Ltd) 5-13-0 R Durwoody (11-1)
3. Afterezza b h Alleged - Heriter Balasman (M Hymes) 5-10-3 M Ryme (25-1)
4. M 25-0 T fee Cheering Hunes, 6 How's The Boss, 14 Honest Word, Native Mission, Bookesse, 16 Miss Dairy Des, Gelway Star (1), 20 Don Valenthio (pu), Rare Holdey (8th), Larraca (1), Bosrding School, Veyrus, 33 Trimbugh, Logaminn, Kampdahl, Watte Up, 50 Kadan, L'Uomo Plu, Keppole Prince, (5th), Olympian, Roagil, Five Lamps, 100 Gerbonate. 27 cm. NR: Elder Prince, Tipo Down, 161, ns. ns. 3, 41. 8 Sterwood at East Selvy. Tote: 28-40. Trice, 22-70. 24-00, 28-50. DF: £37-90. Trice £82-50. CSF: £92-70. Trice, 1548-83.
5.15 CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP 4.25 (3m ch) 1, Green Silver (1 Fleed, 7-2 (1-flee); 2, Alan's Friend (12-1); 3, Kaly Keys (20-1), Ledy Tokan 7-2 Ji-flee, 12 ran. NR: Leigh Boy. 2s, 8l. L. Lungs. Tokar 24.10; 21.80, 20.50, 28.00. DR(1st or 2nd with any other); 51.70. CBP: 543.21. Tricast: 1590.47. T1:90, 52:70, 54:00, 58:50, DF: \$37:90.
Tric: \$82:50, C3F: \$92:70. Tricant: 2846:53.

5.15 CATHCART CHALLENGE CUPCHASE (\$24.075: 2m 40)
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Bradley (15-8 fav)

with any center: \$1.70, C8F: \$43.21.
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\$5.00 (2m hote) 1, Carlot Bragge (J)
Callegian, 2-1 fav); 2, Brigadier Cavis (B2); 3, Solid Fuel (7-2), 10 ran, NR; Jook's Burn, 19, 30L M Naughton, Total: \$4.30; 21.50, £1.70, £1.10, DF: £5.00, CSF: \$7.48, Only three finished.

\$3.50 (1m 4f flat) 1, Kanthworth Lad (R)
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MANDARIN BRIAN RPFI. THUNDERER 2.00 Madagars Grey. 2.30 Just A Memory. 3.00 Nougat Rousie. 3.30 Way Of Life. 2:00 The Black Monk. 4.30 Near Exchan 2.30 Silver Strings. 3.00 Nouget Russ. 3.30 Rich Nephew. 4.00 Cone Lane. 4.00 Kino. 4.30 Last Extravega 5.00 Row Rec. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 230 DJEREL PRINCE. The Countryweek Maga-zine Novices' Handicap GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM BACK STRAIGHT) Chase is an interesting race. Rich Nephew was comfort-2.00 BESS MAIDEN HURDLE (\$1,541: 2m) (14 runners) ably sutpaced by Milford Quay at Leicester last time 68. ARABIAN SOLD 17 (Shelth Darlins) N Henderson 11-5 3P ARINCUS 27 (A Jones) A Moore 11-5 F DE LA SELEPIE 18 (M Green) H Wille 11-6 42 OBLOOM 22 (Mr. P Lee) C Neeb 11-0 METS MADAGANS GREY 18 (Medagans Ptg) R Boss 11-0 60 ACMSCOMA 42 (A Design) A Design 11-9 J Kevenegh — G Moore & Hodgeon Mrs P Nash but has a stronger chance here, while the top weight M Pitrom 98 D Gelegher — J Raiton • 18 Storm Alert can be expected GO MONECOMA 42 (A Darloon) A Darloon 11-0
USB RAYADO 17 (C Regars) R Alebantet 11-0
GO SARGL 34 (Mrs M Enright) G Enright 11-0
SIA SAN LORENZO 13 (L Graig) K Balby 11-0
B SEA BREAKER 19 (D Contilling) D Centralise 11-0
SUM SURFIER 279F (S Sainsbury) T Forster 11-0
TACTICAL MISSIAN 203F (Pharmain Lodge Ltd) J Alebantet 11-0
SE THE SLACK MONK 22 (Ples Sculburner Resing I Pic) M Pips 11-0
BESSE ROSSER PIETURM 35 (Are J Devening) T Rollegeon 10-9 to improve on a parrow win at However, I side with Way Of Life. He won well at Leicester in Jartuary over this trip and his two subsequent defeats have been at two-and-BETTIMO: 3-1. The Black Meek, 7-2 Madagama Grey, 4-1 Sen Surier, 5-1 Sen Loverson, 8-1 Diblocen, 10-1 Applian Bold, 12-1 Reymdo, 20-1 others. a-half miles. He remains reasonably handicapped on that win and can take advantage 1991: VISAGE 4-10-6 B do Haus (9-2) D Adoublest 12 mm FORM FOCUS of the weight he receives from his two principal rivals. ARABIAN BOLD 15I 3rd of 6 to Tiske Two in sovice larget have been 22x, AW). DRUCOM 9161 3rd of 11 to Minder 22x, AW). DRUCOM 9161 3rd of 11 to Minder 22x, pood) marken have the MADASANE GREY 28161 3rd of 14 to Bashob in Newbury (2m. 100yd, good) marken havele with 1x Newbury (2m. 100yd, good) marken for 12 to Manage 11 to Minder Market Newborn Wincomton in Newbury (2m. 100) market Newborn 12x in Februa. There is not much between Madagana Grey and San Lorenzo — separated by a length when third and fourth respectively to Beebob at 2.30 LAMBERT & FOSTER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (21,518: 2m) (16 runners) Newbury last time - in the BFSS Maiden Hurdle, but I (21,518: 2m) (16 runners)
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4.30 FARMERS CLUB NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,419: 3m) (14 runners)

BETTENG: 9-4 Last Extravagance, 11-4 Near Exchange, 7-2 Chance Buy, 6-1 New Part, 10-1 Flam 14-1 Gunner Jim, 20-1 Mee Martlet, 33-1 others, 1991: OAK LODGE 12-11-11 R Ainer (7-1) 8 Jamett 14 ran

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10 NIM 90 GAME 55 (Mrs. J. Eth.) S. Meler 5-11-8.

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Seagram still looks to National

LAST season's Grand National win-ner Seagram remains on course for a "We could have carried on and return to Aintree despite a disappointing run in the Ritz Club Chase at Chehenham yesterday.

The 12-year-old, who took this race

finished sixth or seventh because he was galloping all the time, but he would have lost his confidence," Hawke said.

before going on to triumph at
Liverpool last year, had to be pulled
up by Nigel Hawke after failing to
is still on course for the National." "Carrying top weight in such a fastrun race was too much for him but he

3.40 BALUCHI HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,613: 3m 1f) (18 runners)

4.10 BUDGET NOVICES CHASE (£2,071: 2m) (12 runners) BIETTING: 46 For Over Struy, 5-1 Croise Control, 8-1 Dromroe Duke, 10-1 Boston Rover, 14-1 Saunders Lase, 20-1 Grey Plum, Touching Star, 25-1 others.

1991: HIGH KNOWL 8-11-2 P Southernors (2-1 lav) M Pipe 11 ran

4.40 REDUCED BETTING TAX NOVICES HURDLE (£1,541: 2m) (10 runners) SETTING: 2-1 Amour Royal, 3-1 Cream And Green, 4-1 Precipice Run, 9-2 Good For A Loan, 8-1 Atalust, 12-1 Wheels Ct Westman, 20-1 others.

1991: GULSHA 5-10-13 C Liewellyn (4-1) N Twiston-Device 17 ran 5.10 REDUCED VAT ON BLOODSTOCK MAIDEN HURDLE

(Div II: £1,625: 2m) (17 runners) iv B: £1,625: 2m) (17 runners)

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CARDINAL RED (Mm P Sky) Mm F Wishyn 5-11-9

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STERLING BUCK 13 (G Vardey) G Vardey 5-11-9

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ZES-34P TROJAN CALL 83 (Oblisek House Racing Club) R Rows 5-11-9

MASTER JOLSON 27 (Mm E Roberts) D Nicholson 4-11-0

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LARA'S BABY 165 (M Vaughen) N Tinker 4-10-9

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

India's last chance of progress fades

Greatbatch has a decisive impact for New Zealand

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN DUNEDIN

NEW Zealand went marching on in the World Cup here yesterday, leaving India by the wayside, a disconsolate and disappointing side. Needing 231 to win, New Zealand made them with 17 balls and four wickets to

In doing so they became only the second side since the World Cup started in 1975 to win six matches in a row. West Indies did it in 1983, before losing to India in the final at Lord's. Again it was the thrust which Greatbatch gave to the New Zealand innings that was decisive. His strength enabled him to over-come the slowness of the pitch and so to score at a rate (73 in 76 balls) which relieved the others of the need to hurry.

A bitterly cold wind, blowing across the ground, kept the rain away, but was of no comfort whatever to the Indians. It may well have had something to do with Jadeja pulling a hamstring badly enough while running be-tween wickets to force him to retire in the eighth over of India's innings. Srikkanth had already been out, caught at long-on off the third ball of the second over, another spinoff to New Zealand for opening the bowling with Patel and his off breaks. They have done this four times now, never without disconcerting the opposition.

But Azharuddin and

termined not to get himself out for once, Tendulkar was left to get the score moving by his wonderful ability to chip the ball here, flick it there and then to leave the fielding side standing with some marvellous improvisation through or over the off-side field.

For all Azharuddin's good intentions, it was, in fact, a full toss that accounted for him, well caught on the midwicket boundary. Tendulkar was out soon afterwards, his.

SCOREBOARD

Total (6 vites, 50 overs) _______230
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-149, 3-165, 4201, 5-222, 6-223,
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BOWLING: Cairos 8-1-4-0-0 (rb7); Petei
10-29-2; Watson 10-13-41; Larison 9-043-0; Harris 9-0-55-3 (w2); Lathers 4-0-24-0 (w2)

MEW ZEALANO
M J Greatbatch c Banerjee b Raju
R T Lathern b Prabhater
A H Jones not out
M D Crows rus out
J D S Smith c sub b Prabhater
K R Rutherford low b Raju
C P Harris b Prabhater
C L Carne not out
Extres (b 4, b 3, w 4, nb 8) Total (6 wids, 47,1 overs) _____ 231 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-118, 3-162, 4-172, 5-318, 6-325

BOWLING Kapd Dev 10-0-55-0 (w1, rib1); Prebheker 10-0-45-3 (rib2); Senerges 5-1-40-0 (rib1); Srinath 3-0-55-0 (w2, rib3); Raju 10-0-38-2 (w1); Tendukar 1-0-2-0; Srickarth 1 1-0-8-0 (rib1). Man of the match: M J Greetbeath Umpires: P J McConnell (Aue) and 1 D Robinson (Zimb).

84 having taken 105 balls; but some stout blows by Kapil left India with a total that would have taken a lot of getting had they bowled well and held Greatbatch at bay. In the event they did nei-ther. Their spinners of old

would probably have won them the game comfortably. as can be inferred from the figures of Patel and now of Raiu. But their faster bowlers were all over the place; India's fielders, when it came to tak-ing high swirling catches, were defeated by the wind, and Greatbatch continues to demoralise bowlers and fielders alike by the way he flays the former and avoids the latter. In his four World Cup innings he has made 219 runs in 229 balls and hit 23

fours and ten sixes.

By the time Raju, in only his second over, had him caught at deep mid-wicket, New Zealand had another 25 overs in which to make 114 runs, with Jones beginning to play the occasional very good stroke. And even when More, pouncing like a cat to where silly point would have been, ran out an unsuspecting Crowe with a back flip, and Smith was caught on the boundary, New Zealand still had too much batting left to give India any real grounds

The Indians are an engag-ing side, full of good, natural cricketers, lacking only the discipline that would make them the delight rather than the despair of their millions of supporters.

Border hoping to tour again

Perth: Allan Border still hopes to be part of the Australia team for next year's tour of pointments of the World Cup. Under Border's leadership the Australians have won only two out of six matches and the captain has had a string of batting failures.

Border, now 36, has played in 130 Test matches and 234 one-day internationals. He admitted after the defeat by Pakistan that he would be considering his future but said yesterday that he wanted to return to England to de-fend the Ashes.

"Obviously I'm disappointed at the way this season has finished with the World Cup. But I can't think of any rea-son not to aim for England,"

The Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, yesterday ex-pressed sympathy with Bor-der. "I know how it feels when the team just doesn't click," he said. "You try things differently but nothing seems to happen. I understand what he is going through."

The first fines for player-misconduct in this World Cup were imposed after the match. Aamir Sohall and Moin Khan, of Pakistan, and the Australian fast bowier, Mike Whitney, each had to

pay out £110.
Pakistan now play Sri Lan-ka here on Sunday and New Zealand in Christchurch next

Australia's next opponents in Hobart today, are Zimbabwe, the one team without a point in the competition so far. (Agencies)

TABLE, FIXTURES AND RESIDETS

□ Not including Sn Lenka v West Indian.

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Lethers 60), Assertale 237-9 (O M s 90), India 224 (M Asheruddin Shitusan 74, England 24-1 — ng)

Malcolm strikes early blows

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN POINTEA-PIERRE

ENGLAND A quickly seized the initiative yesterday on the final day of their match with Trinidad. England extended their own total to 406 for and went on to capture three wickets when Trinidad went in with 147 needed to avoid an innings defeat.

The ball tended to keep low

on a worn, slow pitch and England did well to add 85 in even time before they left Trinidad half an bour's batting before lunch. Thorpe added 17 to his overnight 40 before he was bowled playing back to a ball that went through at ankle height.

After this Salisbury swung his bat freely and at one stage



hit Antoine for three

nuccessive fours.

Trinidad went to lunch in some trouble at 17 for two. Ragoonath fell to Munton's first delivery, well caught low down by Thorpe at second slip, and Williams, who had made an aggressive 98 in the first innings, was out in the next over. He knew little about a ball that Malcolm got

to lift off a length.

After lunch, the left-handed Yorke launched into a short-lived assault against Malcolm which ended when he attempted a tennis-type smash and Rhodes took his second

Smith and Bidhesi then played spiritedly against the fast bowlers as England strove to complete an unexpected win before the first unofficial Test match.

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BOWLING: Antoine 31-2-112-4; Evin 19-2-72-0; Dhanni 37-5-110-1; Armadeen 27-3-57-2; Carew 3-0-14-0; Bidheel 1-9-5-0; Umpires: C Cumberbetch and Z Meccum.

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Ante physical aura of, say, Pele, Charlton or

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David Miller traces badminton's rise to Olympic status

Beckenbauer, of Carl Lewis or Boris Becker. With his oarsman's sculpted thigh muscles, he looks more a weightlifter, 'or your de-structive midfield footballer in the mould of that aimiable old warhorse, Maurice Setters. Wiranata has, however, the possibility this summer to become one of the most enalted national heroes in the history of

Indonesia, with the such largest population in the world, approaching 200 million, has never won an Olympic medal, other than a bronze in archery.
Wiranata, No. 2 in the badminton singles rankings,
will send his country into a frenzy should he win the gold medal in the inaugural Olympic tournament.

To win in Barcelona is the greatest gift I could give my country, the short and stocky Wiranata, aged 22, says. Standing between him and the Olympic title is probably Zhao Jianhua, the 27-year-old world champi-on and top seed at Wembley

The left-handed Chinaman defeated Wiranata in the world championship semi-final in Copenhagen last May, but subsequently lost to him in the World Cup and in the Japan Open. Malaysia (£165,000) and

Indonesia (£135,000) have the only six-star prize mon-ey events within the grand prix of 19 tournaments, with the Yonex All-England Open all but holding its own with £125,000 prize-money and almost a century of tra-dition that makes it still the foremost with the players; never mind that the game is now dominated by the Ori-ent, Asia alone having some 30 million players. Yet two years ago Asians

were threatening to boycott the All-England, because of casual administration. Badminton's gross prize-money is as yet only £1.7 million, about as much as Monica Scies makes in a year, though the recent renewal of the Yonex sponsorship until 1997 guarantees that the All-England will reach its centenary in style.

With so many sports vy-ing for public attention and television exposure, there are some revealing badminton statistics: there are more people playing the game that watched the rug-by World Cup on television, while a recent world-wide racket sales survey showed squash on five milion per year, tennis on 12 million

BY RICHARD EATON

ANDERS Nielsen, the Eng-

lish national badminton

champion, enjoyed the best

achievement of his career by

reaching the quarter-finals of the Yonex All-England

championships at Wembley

with an unexpectedly rous-ing 7-15, 15-5, 15-2 victory

over the Ukrainian No. I.

It was unexpected not only

because Nielsen had upset

Joko Suprianto, world

No. 10 and former All-Eng-

land finalist, late the night

before, but also because he

lost 13 of the first 14 points

It was rousing because

Andrei Antropov.

against Antropov.

Late surge bolsters Nielsen minutes with an inspired roll of points.

and badminton on 20 mil-

fion, with 25 million dozen

The game has moved on since the daughters of the Duke of Beaufort first hit

back and forth over a piece

of string suspended he-tween the front door and the fireplace in the great hall at Badminton House in

the 1860s. It would be a nonsense if

the sport, which now has

103 member countries of

the international federa-

tion, was not part of the

Olympic scene.
That badminton makes

its debut in Barcelona is

partially thanks to the work of Craig Reedle, a Scot, a

former president of the In-ternational Badminton

Juan Antonio Samaranch of

the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Through-

out Reedie's presidency, from 1981 to 1984, he pa-

tiently trailed Samaranch

shuttlecock sales.

This occurred at the quick end at which Nielsen had found it hard to control the shuttle during the first game. With the drift behind him he tried to attack and RESULTS FROM WEMBLEY

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once Nielsen got on top against the left-hander from Omsk he raced to 8-0 in the WOMEN'S SINGLES: Spenned round: S Susanti (Inde) bit A Miyemum (Jeden), 11final game in less than two

Antropov, who reached the quarter-finals of the world championships last year by beating the England No. 1. Darren Hall, lapped up the flat fast railies with great relish.

Smashing player: Zhao, the Chinese world champion, in action at Wembley

around the globe, wooing his interest, bending his ear

for half an hour at the IOC

session at Rome in 1982 and dragging him to the world champlouships at Co-

penhagen in 1983. After

watching the finals,

Samaranch asserted: "We must have this sport." Bad-minton was admitted to the

programme in the 1985 ses-sion in Berlin.... That it was beaten to the

starting post by tennis and table termis was because of

the split in the IBF, over

Taiwan, created by China in 1977. Within months the

Chinese, one of the game's

strongest forces but aban-doned by their friends over

the split, realised their er-

ror, and reunification was

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nis and tennis had been

placed on the agenda. Back in 1972 badminton was a

"I tried to go for the open-

7. 11-4, Ye Zheoyang (China) bit F Smith (Eng), 11-1, 11-5, J Barathary (Eng) bit O Sommer (Den), 11-3, 11-7; Bang See-Hyun (Kor) bit To-heart (Eng), 11-5, 11-1; Tang Jeshong (Chras) bit C Bengtzeon (See), 11-5, 11-1; Tang Jeshong (Chras), 11-8, 3-11, 11-1, E Rybbians (CS) bit J Seerfoon (Inco), 8-11, 11-1, 11-6; Hzang Hua (China) bit Pists Jeshybians (CS) bit J Seerfoon (Inco), 8-11, 11-7, 11-6; Hzang Hua (China) bit Pists Jeshyun (Kor) bit T Growse (Eng), 11-2, 11-2, A van der Kraspo (Nells) bit H Anderson (Den), 11-6, 11-4; Leo bit D Piche (Can), 11-6, 11-4; Leo bit D Piche (Can), 11-6, 11-4; Leo bit D Piche (Can), 11-6, 11-6; Holder (Den), 11-5, 11-5, S Kupestawardhari (Indo) bit A Crabo (Swe), 11-5, 11-6; Maggandop bit Gabon, 11-2, 11-3, Third round: Ye Zhaoying (China) bit S Sosanti (Indo), 5-11, 11-5, 11-5, P Soo-Yang (Lon), 11-6, 11-7; P Nedergaard (Den), 11-1, 11-5, Third (China), 11-6, 11-7; Huang Hua (China) bit E Ryblems (CS), 11-8, 12-10

"but when I got back to that end I had one or two lucky ones and a great start, and that made all the Meanwhile both the de-

demonstration sport at the

Munich Olympics, yet hardly any IOC members both-

Three problems plague the sport; the need for Europe collectively to main-

tain the challenge to Asia previously upheld by Den-mark — the legendary Mor-ton Frost is missing from

Wembley, having retired

after four victories in eight finals; for the game to be developed in the United

States and for the outstand-

ing competitive mixed team.

event, in which women play-

ers can be as effective as the

men, not to be allowed to

So vakuable is the mixed

team event considered by

the IBF that it is willing to

players for each of men's

and women's Olympic events in order to include

five events instead of four.

fade away as in tennis.

fending singles champions went out within an hour of each other. Susi Susanti who was given a house and piece of land for becoming the first Indonesian woman to take the title, went down 5-11, 11-5, 11-5, to the bur-

geoning skills of Ye

Zhaoying. Another Chinese triumph saw Liu Jun, the world No. 11 who lost to Ardy Wiranata in last year's first round, achieve his revenge against the All-England champion, dominating most of the long rallies in his 15-10, 15-8 victory.

BOXING

Damiani ducks bout with Bruno

BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN PESARO, ITALY

FRANCESCO Damiani, of Italy, has turned down a bout with Frank Bruno, Mickey Duff, Bruno's promoter, said here yesterday. However, Bruno will still be boxing on April 22 at Wembley Arena. Duff is to announce the opponent, who is expected to be a well-known American, at a press conference on Tuesday.

Duff had offered Damiani \$300,000 and was surprised that the offer was rejected. especially in view of the fact that Damiani boxed Frank Swindell, of the United States, recently for \$20,000.

Duff said: "I find it difficult

to understand how he turned down the \$300,000 when he got only \$20,000 for fighting Swindell. I can only think he doesn't fancy Bruno. I am confident I will come up with a named American within 72

hours."
Duff believed that Damiani was about to retire and was wanting a much bigger purse to see him out. But Damiani, who is standing for election as a Republican candidate for the Italian parliament, said he needed one or two more bouts to get into shape for Bruno.

He said: "I wanted to wait until after I had fought Swindell to see how I felt. I was far from happy with my performance and felt I wasn't ready for Bruno." If he is not elected, Damiani will box in New Jersey on the same day as Bruno's appearance at Wembley.
Damiani, who was the

World Boxing Organisation champion until he lost the title to Ray Mercer, also dropped out of a \$750,000 bout with Evander Holyfield last November because of an ankle injury.

VOLLEYBALL

Malory in reach of fifth title

BY RODDY MACKENZIE

TEAM Mizuno Malory stand on the verge of their fifth successive men's first division title in the Royal Bank of Scotland English League. After their defeat of Aquila

on Saturday, a win over row will be enough to take the championship out of the reach of Reebok Liverpool, the only team that can now stop them. Indeed, Malory have only conceded nine sets in the league this season, the latest in the 15-10, 15-4, 11-15, 15-8 win over Aquila.

Liverpool kept up the pressure by bearing Newcastle (Staffs) on Sunday. 15-7, 15-12, 13-15, 15-3, but Malory's set difference is so superior that claiming just two points from their final two matches will be enough.

The youngest team in the top division, Wessex, beat Coventry Riga, the bottom club, 15-8, 15-9, 15-7 at the weekend and, if they can win their two final matches it would virtually guarantee fourth place. They are also on course for a place in the Ѕпретсир.

Based in Poole, Dorset, Wessex lost a £7,000-a-year sponsorship deal with MGI, the insurance company, but not their ambition. "We still train in a decent hall three nights a week, even though is means asking the players for £50 to £60 each week," Geoff Allen, their coach, said.

HOCKEY

Army fall to Taylor's shooting

Civil Service BY SYDNEY PRISKIN

CIVIL Service made another clean sweep of their annual matches against the armed forces by defeating the Army at Aldershot yesterday. All their goals were scored by Jon

Taylor. Having beaten the Royal Navy 6-0 the previous day. Civil Service had to work harder for their rewards. Earlier in the season they had achieved a 1-0 victory over the Royal Air Force.

Yesterday's match hinged on three penalty strokes conceded by the Army between minutes of the second half. Taylor converted the first, put the second against the crossbar and made no mistake with the third, Civil Service had owed their 1-0 advantage at half-time to a goal by Tay-lor, scored indirectly from their fourth short corner, in

Eight minutes after the resumption, Jordan equalised for the Army with a welltaken goal from a pass by Greenock. Then, after falling 3-1 behind, the Army launched a strong counter-offensive which led to James reducing the lead from a short corner.

the last minute before the

Civil Service could have

the seventeenth and 21st scored again in the last minute but Hannon shot wide after cluding several

> The Army were a little be-low strength but are hoping to have Hazlitt and Jolly back in the side for next week's Services championship at Reading, where they will de-lend their title.

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ARMY: Capt J Williams (Royal Spraint).
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Australia will present stern test in Reading THE Olympic preparations of the British women's team

will be put to their first real test over the weekend when Dennis Hay's players meet the Olympic champions, Australia, in two matches at Reading (Alix Ramsay writes). The Australians will come

to Britain to round off a European tour having already played Spain and Germany. For Britain, it is the first competitive match they have played since qualifying for the Games in October and it will give Hay a first chance to see how the winter training sessions have paid off.

"Squad sessions are always

different from team or tour sessions," he said. "Now we will get into more specific elements for the match." Hay will have a full squad

to choose from, the only question-mark hanging over Sandle Lister, who is recovering from a bout of shingles. He is keeping his cards close to his chest, although he does admit that Australia will be a stern test

"They are a very experienced side," he said. "They don't have many weaknesses, although they might not like the cold, which could be a bonus for us. They play an open game, so it should be entertaining."

Munich make another change of coach

Lerby's brief spell ends as Bayern appoint Ribbeck

Benefit Brune A ANOTHER new face, another new start, but Bayern Munich are still in the ton-drums in the Bundesliga. Al-though Erich Ribbeck, the club's third coach in less than restore the days of winning titles and trophies, his first priority must simply be sur-Section for the vival. Relegation is a real threat this season and that, for a club of Bayern's stature, would be a disaster.

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In any normal campaign, Bayern's meeting with Ham-burger SV would be a heavyweight contest with the German championship at stake: tomorrow, it is well down the bill, a support bout while the principal contenders flex their muscles elsewhere. Nevertheless, for Bayern and even

vital a game as almost any in

The brief reign of Soren reaped just 13 points from 15 games and, when it finally ended yesterday, Bayern were in eleventh place. Hamburg are in even deeper trouble. Fifteenth position is no place for a club that finished

fifth last season, but a run of seven matches without a win has shaken their confidence and, like Bayern, Hamburg have changed their coach in mid-stream. Egon Coordes has replaced Gerd-Volker Schock, coach, and he, like Ribbeck, will be in charge for the first time tomorrow. The Olympic Stadium will, at least, be familiar territory for Coordes: he only recently left the coaching staff in Munich.

No expansion of European finals

BY STUART JONES, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

UEFA's championship committee announced in Gothenburg yesterday that only eight nations will compete in the European championship finals in 1996. The decision was surprising because a month ago the governing body had indicated that the tournament would be doubled in size and embrace 16

The prospect of an enlarged event, which prompted the Football Association to revise its original bid, shortened the odds on England being chosen to act as the hosts. They remain the favourites but Austria and The Netherlands, whose facil-ities are more limited, are still

The choice was expected to be revealed unofficially yes-terday but Uefa's committee fifth till terdey, but Uefa's confinifice has deferred its recommendation for two months. The delay was caused because the stadiums in Portugal, who have also applied, as have Greece, have not yet been

inspected. The final verdict will be delivered in Lisbon on

May 5.
"We applaud Uefa's decision," Gien Kirton, the FA's project director, said. "There was a lot of pressure from the to be increased but it was felt the existing arrangement was good and the change to 16 would present problems you

Crystal Palace, Everton and Nottingham Forest, whose grounds were included in the rewritten bid, will therefore no longer be in-volved. The original venues — Wembiey, Villa Park and Old Trafford — will be supplemented by one other, proba-bly either Elland Road or Hillsborough.

"We are confident that we can "successfully" stage the tournament." Kirton added-"It is a coincidence that the decision will be made in Lis-bon because Uefa's hierarchy bon because Uefa's hierarchy
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Borussia Dortmund, the leaders, remain the most convincing of the championship challengers and their meet-ing with fourth-placed Kai-serslantern is likely to be the weekend's highlight. Victory for Borussia, built this season Michael gge, a Bayern discovery like his more famous brother Karl-Heinz, would all but end Kaiserslautern's chances of retaining the title. Second-placed Eintracht Frankfurt, still coming to terms with the forthcon loss of Andy Möller, to Juventus, are away to

Bari's revival has been one of the most remarkable features of the new year in Italy, but it promises to come unstuck, temporarily at least, on Sunday. AC Milan are un-likely to yield even a point in the San Siro, despite the re-turn to Bari's colours of Carbone, a former Milan

AS Monaco's meeting with Auxerre is the pick of the French Cup's second-round ties and Barcelona's visit to appetising focure in Spain. São Paulo, Brazil's national champions last year, sumped to their fifth consecutive defeat of the season against Internacional in Porto Alegre yesterday. Simão acored the only goal of the game after ten minutes, leaving São Paulo — in sixteenth place in the table — strugding to find a place among the eight teams that contest the second round of the

European championship qualifying group one between Albania and Spain has been called off because it has no bearing on the final positions. The metch was originally postponed last December.

A supporterof AS Roma. has been sent to prison for four years and five months for stabbing a policeman. A: Massimiliano Diaferi, aged



Back in the old routine: Jenkins is switched to his usual position of stand-off

Bidgood hopes luck will hold after Wales recall

ROGER Bidgood, who was named yesterday in the Wales team to play Scotland on March 21, will want to carry as many good luck charms as Not least of his preoccupations will be hoping that the good weather will hold. He may yet then actually get to

Five years ago, in the absence through injury of John Devereux, who has since transferred successfully to rugby league, Bidgood was picked to play against Ire-land. Bitterly for him, the the match was frozen off. By the time they were ready to play again, Devereux was once more fit enough and Bidgood was not retained. It has been a long and frustrating wait

for the Newport centre. There are those others in Gwent, too, who will be glad to see one of their own at last represented in the national

"Of course I am delighted:" Bidgood said. "I would like to take the opportunity to show that I have a variety of midfield skills and not, as so many people think, a player who simply likes to go crashing down the middle all the

time. I would like to think that I have much more to offer than that."

He is a solid midfield presence whose defence is invariably night, qualities, which, Alan Davies, the Welsh coach, believes to be essential against Scotland

The Wales team shows three changes, plus one post-tional, from the one which lost to England. Bidgood's inclusion means that Nell Jenkins reverts to his natural position of stand-off half. He plays his club rugby at stand-off and won his first four international caps there last season but has played in the centre for Wales this year. Colin Stephens is dropped after three matches. Stephens is an instinctive runner who sometimes neglects the other practical arts when times de-

WILLIER A Clarmet (Swanses); I Cevens (Lienell, capt), R Bidgood (Newbort), I S Gibbs (Swanses), M R Hall (Cardiff, N R Jenicks (Pontyprid), R M Jones (Swanses); M Griffiths (Cardiff), G R Jenicks (Swanses); M Lienell, G Cardiff), G D Lienellyre (Nestri), A H Copecy (Lienell), R E Webster (Swanses), S Davies (Swanses), Hall (Swanses), S Davies (Swanses), Cardiff), M Cardiff, M Rayer (Cardiff), D C Fox (Lienell), M A Rayer (Cardiff), D C Fox (Lienell), M Morris (Nestra), S Roy (Cardiff), M Morris (Nestra)

Reward for Scottish players

By Alan Lorimer

mend and which can put teams under severe pressure. On occasions at Twickenham he failed to make the England team turn. He too often puts the onus on the scrum half to do more than should be expected. His confidence will now have to mature at his

club. "The right blend of players is important," Device said.
"A goalkicker is the first name to go down on the selection sheet. Neil Jenkins is that player. I think Colin Stephens needs time to develop a bit more and that accounts for the return of Jenkins."

Huw Williams-Jones, of the South Wales Police, comes in for his fifth cap at tight head prop instead of Laurence Delancy, whose place on the replacement bench goes to David Joseph, of Neath. "I wouldn't like to think

that Delaney is seen as carrying the brunt of the Weish forward's failure against England," comments Davies. After dropping out of the Twickenham game because of injury Emyr Lewis returns as a flanker to give a fillip to the team instead of Martyn

Simon Barnes

Spirit of ghostly crowds is lost on marketeers

you remember the games lasted for five days? And both sides wore white clothes? And tell me this: if it was as good a game as you say, how come

played in the year 2000? Well, children, let me tell you the tale of the marketing man's error and how he loved the grey squirrel not wisely but too well. Heigho. The World Cup has been banging yet more nails into the coffin of Test

cricket. It was my sainted colleague, John Woodcock, who thundered in Wisden 1985 about the end of Test cricket: the grey squirrel driving out the red, he said. Like Cassandra, Woodcock

tends to get it right.
How much longer can the five-day game survive? All over the world, Test matches are played to an audience of ghosts. The onedayer, the great day out, the all-day party, the festival, the tamasha is what packs

Test cricket is dear to the Indian spirit: but tamasha, the day of ritual license and elebration, is still dearer. In Australia, self-parodic advertising and television presentation ("Goodnight, Charlie!") has made the grey squirrel's victory well night complete. In Australia, the grey squirrel now dances check-to-check with Daddles the Duck: an un-

was one.

People still go to Test
matches in this country. but the one-dayers are gain-ing ground. We will have five one-day internationals this summer, instead of the usual three. How much longer can the Test match last?

two important blows for Test cricket at the World Cup. The first is the poor showing of the home team: when your sales pitch has been based on the pre-sumption of home victory, you have gambled heavily. They are no doubt, even now, giving considering the truth that he who lives by jingo shall die by jingo.

cricket is that transparently stupid regulation for decid-ing rain-affected matches. This has spelt out with pedantic clarity the truth about one-day cricket: it is a wholly artificial game, set about with fanciful restric-tions: rationed overs, fieldrun-rate nonsense. One-day cricket reminds me of a remark from Tommy Steele: "I read all the classics, in comic book form."

All the same, the case for the eventual victory of one-One-dayers guarantee crowds. They make great television, with all the colworks. It sells. It is a castiron certainty.

Most of us, I think, love Test cricket best. I suspect this is true in all cricket more people are platonic lovers. People love the game without ever going near a match. This is uniquely possible in Test

A Test match rolls by over a week, and each individual match is a continuing story a soap opera with a daily cliff-hanger. The leisurely unfolding of a labyrinthine umfolding of a labyrinthine plot has a splendid pattern: it is not generally exciting minute by minute, but day by day. Boring passages are part of the rhythm: go to the pub, mow the lawn, take a walk, turn the telly out. Great stuff: Pring has got the breakthrough. Eh? Tufnell has done what?

ay by day, the match unfolds, week by week the it seems that the only people present are working: players, writers, photogra-But all the same, the un-

watched match is followed watched match is followed avidly, and by the entire cricket-playing world. Test matches are played to an invisible audience caught up in the beauties of a game that can be loved without watching it a game without artifical restrictions in which the winning side must be hold enough. side must be bold enou and good enough to take 20 wickets before it can win.

But the invisible audience is too obscure and too subtle for marketing men. It is an audience that is, by quantify, and probably imfrom. And so we are told that the public only wants one-day cricket: this is becoming the self-fulfilling policy of those who sell cricket to the world. Pare-

well, red squirrel.
Oh Daddles, what liberties are taken in thy name!

Third stage victory for Cippollini

Marseilles: Mario Cippollini, of Italy, won his third stage of the Paris-Nice race vesterday as the pack prepared for today's climb of Mont Faron, just outside Toulon, which should discard the sprinters. There was no change in positions, Miguel Indurain, of Spain, twice winner of the event, retaining the lead he had acquired after the team time trial on Wednesday. He was four seconds ahead of his Banesto team mate. Jean-

François Bernard, with Rolf

Golz, of Germany, third, eight seconds in arrears. Cippollini again used his sprinter's speed to beat the field in the final dash to the line, as he had done on Monday and Tuesday. The climb of Mont Faron in today's 206-km stage from Marseille should see Indurain reinforc-

ing his lead. The week-long race ends on Sunday with an individual time trial up a mountain outside Nice.

SNOOKER

TONGEREN, Belglum: European Open: Cuarter-linsts: M. Johnston-Allen English M. Price (Engl. 5-4; J. White bi S. Dieve (Engl. 5-1; T. Griffithe (Wales) bt D. Morgan (Wales), 5-1.

N BRIEF ... Colts give

Italians drubbing

England's rugby union colts opened their short tour of Italy with a 69-3 victory over Italy Junior B at Padua. The threequarters had a field day scoring all 12 tries, wings O'Leary (Saracens) and O'Leary (Saracens) and Smith (Northampton) notching six and three respectively. Handley (De la Salle), out-side-half, who will move to full back for the international match against Italy on Saturday to make way for Burke

(Loughborough University), contributed 25 points. Nannini doubts

Motor racing: Alessandro Nannini, whose right forearm was sewn back on after a helicopter crash in 1990. doubted, after a Monza test run in an Alfa Romeo he will drive in a tourist class race on March 22, that he would race formula l again.

Weekend decider

Lacrosse: East only need to win their three remaining games to secure the All England women's territorial trophy at High Wycombe this weekend.

Personal check

Cricket: Derbyshire's chief executive, Bob Lark, will fly to Trinidad in the next few days to check if Ian Bishop, the fast bowler plagued by back problems, will be fit enough to last a full English season.

Mixed field

Cycling: Ten professionals are in the 80-strong field for the Alexa Essex grand prix road race over 90 miles at Halstead on Sunday, starting at llam.

By a distance

Yachting: New Zealand, with an awesome display of light-air speed, outsailed Il Moro di Venezia to win by 5min lsec on day four of the America's Cup challenger eliminations off San Diego.

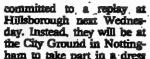
Manchester United should draw hope from semi-final

BY STUART JONES

MANCHESTER United may look back on the second leg of their Rumbelows Cup semi-final as the night when they gained the impetus to fulfil their title ambitions. Had they lost to Middlesbrough, their whole season might have sunk into the quagmire of their Old Trafford pitch.

The 2-1 aggregate victory, based initially on skill and eventually on character, was psychologically important: although it took them two long and exhausting hours to achieve it and even then by the narrowest of margins, the boosting effect promises to propel them towards their principal aim. Doubts, fuelled by their in-

different recent form in the League and by their elimination from the FA Cup by Southampton on penalties, had been mounting. They were apparent after Middlesbrough had equalised and, with Alex Ferguson admitting that his heart was in his mouth, they persisted until Giggs volleyed in the winner. But for his decisive contribution, United, who are already three games behind schedule, would have been



day. Instead, they will be at the City Ground in Nottingham to take part in a dress rehearsal for the Rumbelows Cup final on April 12. The occasion at Wembley,

which has become a second home for both clubs, is sure to be memorable. The interest will lie not so much in the contrasts between the two teams but in the similiarities. Even the manner in which they qualified, after extratime on mud heaps by the



Giggs: decisive

identical. For example, as Clough drops back to orchestrate the Forest attack, so McClair drifts into similiar deep positions to fill the same sharive role for United.

There is, though, one po-tentially significant differ-ence. Forest, younger and inevitably less experienced, have nobody of the stature and influence of Robson. In spite of his advanced age of 3S, United's captain restored the composure of his colleagues on Wednesday night when Middlesborough were at their most threatening.

Moreover, after running through the mud for 109 minutes. he was still capable of challenging robustly for Webb's cross and directing it towards Giggs. Robson, who has already established an individual record by lifting the FA Cup three times, could guide his club to the one eading domestic honour it has not won. Yet his sights are still

trained on the championship.
That Leeds United should fail to extend their lead at Oueen Park's Rangers on the same night represented a huge bonus for United's weary squad.

THE Scotland rugby squad looks set to benefit from the

agreement to allow payment to players following the relaxation of the International Board's amateur regulations. Tomorrow night the management of the players trust fund, set up two weeks ago after the players had all signed a participation agreement, will meet for the first time since the idea was agreed in principle at the end of last year.

Yesterday, Fred McLeod.

entering into agreements which embrace tours and from which the players would benefit." The trust fund has a balance of several thousand pounds. The trust, seen as a way for the governing body to control land's players.

the Scottish Rugby Union's the commercial activities of amateur regulations officer its players, was set up at the suggestion of the Scottish Rugby Union following an and a member of the trust management, disclosed that "four major sponsors of the Scottish Rugby Union and unsuccessful attempt by the players to negotiate their own four other companies have deals through their agents, already expressed interest in Pro-Scot. Off-the-field activities by

the players have netted close to £17,000, a fraction of what the England squad can expect from their Run with the Ball scheme and considerably less than the pay-out to Ire-

FOOTBALL Barclays League Third division Stockport v Bournemouth GM Vauxhall Conference Altrincham v Northwich (8.0)

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HARP LAGER FAI CUP: Second round: replays: Fened Utd 1, St. James's Gate 1 (set): Cork. City 3, Drogheds Utd 1; Monaghan 1, Wayside Ceffic 0.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bredford Park. Avenue 0, Eastwood Harriey 5. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier divi-alon: Weston Super Mare 3, Welton 6 NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 1, Murton 1, Shidon 1, Sestem Red Star 0.

GOLF PENANG: Malaysian Open: Leading thrst-round scores: 66: V Singh (Fig.) 66: B King (Aus), 87: A Malaney (Aus), 68: J Kay (Car), G Peterson (LS), C McCletten (US), L Porter (US), 59: Park Nam Sin (S Korl, R Petchlerin (Pish), S Gian (Aus), S Garson (Sing), J Murdoch (Par), Cho Chul Sang (S Korl, Chang Hung Ta (Taiwen), A Tifman (GB), C Leon (Chie), SAKURAGAWA, Japan: Imperial Longer SAKURAGAWA, Japan: Imperial tour-nament: Leading first-round scores Lapanese unless stated; 57: P Izumitawa 68: 5 Endo. 69: H Making, H Seto, Y Kurameto 70: Chen Tze-ming (Tal), A Omachi, H Namid, British score: 73. P Hoad.

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BILLIARDS

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Stewart and Fairbrother manufacture a famous victory after rain imposes a cruel handicap

England overcome steep odds

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

1F THERE was a niggling doubt about England's pretensions to the World Cup it was gloriously set aside here last night. Presented, for the first time, with the equivalent of a two-goal deficit and half an hour to play, England's war-wounded side refused to acknowledge the odds and go

Out of adversity came what may well be an enduring euphoria, for in beating South Africa by three wickets, and with only one ball to spare, England's willing but weary spirits have been lifted to a new high. It will take a lot to stop them now.

It looked for all the world as if they had become the latest innocent victims of this com-petition's flawed rain rule when, from pursuing a comfortable 237 in 50 overs, they suddenly found themselves hunting 226 in 41.

Even with a dashing start of 62 from 12 overs already banked, it was a daunting and unterly illogical require-ment, and England seemed to be conceding their long unbeaten run to an undignified scramble when they lost three wickets in eight balls on

From this fine mess emerged two heroes. Not, this time, the heavy artillery of Botham. Smith or Hick. Theirs were the wickers which tumbled in five heady minutes, all three playing shots which hinted of panic. Instead, it was Alec Stewart and Neil Fairbrother who, between them, won the most improbable victory of this World Cup.

Stewart has long been heading for a match in which he did everything bar open the bowling and this was it. To this point, however, the day had not run quite to plan.
As captain, he had won the

toss and risked the wrath of the weather gods by bowling first, then pressed a palpably unfit DeFreitas through ten overs while giving only two, admittedly poor overs, to a bouncing Small. As wicket-

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keeper, he had missed a stumping and generally performed, as well he might, as if he had several distractions

But when he completed a notable treble by going out to open the batting, he was decisive from the outset and thoroughly masterful once England had run aground after the rain. Stewart's 77 came from only 88 balls and, one rash puli apart, it was

When asked, later, why he had gone in first Stewart looked at the grinning Graham Gooch next to him and said: "Because the cantain told me to. I do what I'm told." He may have been leader for only a day but this, by any measure, was a captain's innines.

That Fairbrother did not pale beside him says much for man who suffered agonies of frustration and self-doubt during long weeks of inactivity in New Zealand. His mission in the party always was the World Cup and he has risen to it with elan. Give Fairbrother ten minutes and a free hand and he can turn the most hopeless situation to idväntage.

He was there to supervise the closing overs as the target came down from 67 in ten overs to 57 in seven and then, with a rush, to only 14 in three. The catalyst here was Chris Lewis, who arrived at the perfect time for his instincts to be given full rein and promptly thrashed 33 from 22 balls.

Lewis's side strain is such that he was in the side yester-day purely as batsman and fielder. He was worth his place on either count. Every blow of his imnings he greeted with clenched fists, some-times punching the air to goad himself onwards. This the brand for which the one day game was invented and for which Lewis might have

been created When he left, to the second run-out of the evening effected by the remarkable Jonty Rhodes, it was almost over. But not quite. Ten were needed from two overs and Fairbrother worked a single from Richard Snell's third ball but Pringle was caught at mid-wicket from the fourth. DeFreitas entered, with every fielder saving one, and blithely drove his first ball into an

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Slap-dash: Fairbrother, left, who made an unbeaten 75 off 83 balls, and DeFreitas congratulate each other as they leave the field at Melbourne, having seen England to a remarkable three-wicket victory

off-side gap for victory. Reign of the rain rule There were more than 25,000 people here to see the match and most will have left should be short-lived

convinced they saw the coming world champions. Certainly, that was the belief of the South African captain, Kepler Wessels. "We were definitely beaten by a better team because the rain was in our favour," he admitted. "Ask me to separate England and New Zealand and I would say England are a lot better. They are the strongest team here."

These teams may well meet again in the Sydney semi-final, especially if South Africa win their final game, against India on Sunday. Al-ready, they have achieved wonders, considering their innocence abroad, but while their total here was much their biggest in the competition, it was 20 short of what they might have made, after an opening stand of 151 be-

tween Wessels and Hudson. They scored only 62 from the last ten overs and it was this which cost them the game. In all fairness, however, they did not lose it, it was

Any team could lose from the plight in which England had been placed, but only the best could win. Gooch sensed as much. "All the boys are very elated," he said. "They showed true character tonight when we were in a very dicey position. That's II in succession now and I hope we can make it 14 . . . " Pause for a frown and a spot of mental arithmetic. "Is that enough?

RAIN presents peculiar problems to a one-day cricket match and nobody has yet arrived at an equitable solution. Certainly, on the evidence of the past few weeks.

the World Cup committee has not even come close. By definition, this form of the game can have no truck with fickle weather because it demands that each side should receive an equal number of overs. When rain frustrates this aim, an al-ready manufactured contest

is rendered artificial. For two decades, since the overs game first went international, the only method of revising a target when the intervened was to calculate on the average runs per over of the side which batted first.

It was accepted only grudg-ingly, for the team batting second was always favoured

and usually won.

The marketing brains who run Australian cricket rebelled against this rule after West Indies won a World Series Cup final here in farcical circumstances three winters ago. They decided that when the number of overs was reduced for a side batting second, the target would decrease only by the runs scored from the equivalent

number of lowest-scoring overs in the first team's

There are occasions when this rule works better than its predecessor, certainly from the spectators' viewpoint. Last night's England game was an example of a match, which might have been one-sided, being turned into a This, however, does not

make the rule fair. In fact, it demonstrably is not fair. Graham Gooch said as much last night, from a position of some strength. Kepler Wessels said so, and his team had been beaten despite profitting from it. Small wonder, when it can

produce anomalies like In Adelaide, England dis-

missed Pakistan for 74 yet, when rain came, would have needed to make 63 in 15 overs had the game been reduced to its minimum.

In Brisbane, India were embarked on a long run chase against Australia when it rained. They lost three overs and were required to score only two runs fewer. In Brisbane again, Pakistan lost an hour from their run-chase against South Africa. From 14 overs fewer, they had to make all but 18 of the

original target. Last night's game could have been the craziest of them all. England were 62 without loss from 12 overs when it rained. Had the match been reduced to a minimum, as for some while seemed likely, they would have needed to score a further 50 runs in just three

This patently cannot con-tinue. But what is better? Taking runs from the best and worst overs of the side batting first will simply be akin to the old average runrate rule. Reducing the available wickets of the chasing side is an option but it tampers with the fundamentals of the game.

The fairest solution is ei-ther to have a reserve day, which in this tournament proved impossible for the round-robin stages, or to dectare a game void unless it can be properly complete with equal overs for each

This, however, would grate with the spectators, and it was for them that limitedovers cricket was created. Those who watched last night will not be complaining about the technicalities, and that must be considered when the inevitable rules revision is debated.

British athlete admits he used steroids

By David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

NEAL Brunning, a British international shot putter. admitted yesterday he had taken performance-enhancing drugs before the AAA England indoor championships in Birmingham last month. He is the first athlete to be caught by testing at a meeting in Britain.

Brunning, aged 21, was dropped last week from the

British team to face the United States in Birmingham tomorrow when the A (first) sample of his urine specimen aken at the championships showed positive. The B (second) sample has still to be analysed, but Brunning chose not to keep sport in suspense.

"I am not going to dispute t," he told The Times from his home at Lee, South London. "It is not worth having the second sample

Mike Winch, his coach and former international shot putter, announced that Brunning would no longer remain a member of his training group. "I am ex-tremely sorry that such a tal-ented athlete should have put himself in such a position, particularly since our athletes are aware of our strong stance

against drug abuse in the UK," Winch sald.
Brunning faces a four-year ban but will first have a hearing before the British Athletic Federation (BAF). He said that a statement "of admittance" would be presented to the hearing. Asked whether he thought

the test might in any way have been at fault, he replied: "No". He accepted that a ban was inevitable. "I've done this [athletics] for so long, it's like osing someone," he said.

He added that he had tak-

en drugs without the know-ledge of his coach. "I am the only one to blame for this, Brunning, a part-time door-man and chef, said. "Mike was a brilliam coach. He had nothing to do with it. It was no one cise's fault, just me being silly, getting carried

From a 15.85 metres putter outdoors in 1990, Brunning made sudden season. "When I reached 17.70 metres, everyone at the Southern Countles indoor championships stood there in dishelief: it was like rising from the dead," he said then, in an interview with Athletics

The interview noted his concern at "rumours going round that I was taking drugs". He said: "They can test me every day of the week and they will get the same result. Even if I get a cold, I won't take anything. I think drug users should be banned for life. I know I will never touch the stuff."

Weekly.

He insisted yesterday that actions before Birmingham were isolated.

"I have not taken anything at all apart from this mistake," he said. "I blame myself for the stupidity of it. It has not hit me yet and it probably won't for a while. But I will come back and, when I do, I will throw a lot further. I will

Sports Council testers discovered traces of steroids in Brunning's urine sample taken in Birmingham. The mandatory second test was due to be carried out next Thursday. Tony Ward, spokesman for

the BAF, said a BAF enquiry team would meet Brunning and his representative as soon as possible. "The situation is now that he has admitted producing a laboratory positive," he said. "We cannot comment until we have heard his explanation as to why it happened."
Brunning, whose early suc

cesses as an English Schools champion were as a discus thrower, has only recently completed a nine-month transfer suspension for switching clubs. Moving from Cambridge Harriers to Blackheath Harriers, he has yet to compete outdoors for the Blackheath team but was representing the club at the championships in which he

tested positive.
"His membership of Blackheath Harriers will be considered at the next meeting of the club's general com-mittee following the BAF hearing," Graham Botley, the Blackheath president,

Brunning made another massive improvement on his personal best at the AAA meeting, reaching 18.39 metres and winning the silver medal after a 1991 indoor best of 17.74 metres.

Paul Edwards, the British No. 1 who defeated him, said last night: "Matt Simson, Si-mon Williams and myself [the top three ranked British throwers] have been trying to put the shot on the map and for someone coming up to take drugs is very sad for British shot putting.

"I think there will be a lot of interest now, but not for the right reasons. I am confident leading British throwers to have resorted to drugs."

John Hillier, the coach who expelled Brunning from his squad for misbehaviour five years ago, said: "The tragedy is that he was a tremendously explosive, quick athlete and a very gifted thrower and could have made it without taking anything."

Jeff Gutteridge, a pole

vaulter, was the last British athlete to fail a drugs test. In 1988, he was banned for life after testing positive during training. Since then, Britain has replaced life suspension with four-year bans, and Gutteridge will be eligible to return to competition next



Brunning faces a four-year ban from athletics

Christie meets ANC

BRITAIN'S black athletes have been granted a belated opportunity to meet three officials from the African National Congress (ANC) to learn about political and sporting developments in South Africa.

The meeting will take place in Birmingham tomorrow after the Vauxhall interna-

tional between Britain and the United States. Linford Christie and many of his black colleagues were angry when they were not consulted on two proposed South African fixtures.

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MELBOURNE SCOREBOARD

England won toss

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(Illingworth-Hick-Stewart)	18	-	-	25	23
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B M McMillan, †D J Richardson, R P Snell, M W Pringle and A A Donald did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-151 (Wessels 64 not out), 2-170 (Wessels 71), 3-201 PALL OF WILLELS: 1-151 (Wessels 64 not out), 2-170 (Wessels 71), 3-201 (Phodos: 17), 4-205 (Kulper 3)

BOWLING: Pringle 9-2-34-0 (w2. nb3) (7-2-20-0, 2-0-14-0); DeFreitas 10-1-41-1 (w1) (6-1-20-0, 40-21-1). Botham 8-0-37-0 (one spell); Small 2-0-14-0 (w1) (one spell); Reeve 2-4-0-15-0 (one spell): High 8-2-0-44-2 (one spell)

INTERMEDIATE SCORES 10 overs: 32 runs 20: 75, 30: 112 40: 174

ENGLAND '†A J Stewart run out (Rhodes-Pringle) ...

I T Botham b McMillan Hit round straight ball R A Smith c Richardson b McMill

... *Pulled high to long on* C C Lewis run out (Rhodes-Donald)

Extras (tb 3, w 1, nb 2) .. Total (7 wkts. 40.5 overs. 195min) R K Dingworth and G C Small did not bet

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BOWLING: Donald 9:1430 (nb1) (5:142-0, 2-0-8-0, 2-0-13-0), Pringle 8-0-44-0 (nb2, w1) (5-0-25-0, 2-0-11-0, 1-0-8-0), Snet 7:5-0-2-3 (5-0-26-1, 2-0-14-1, 0:5-0-2-1), McMain 8-1-33-2(5-1-15-2, 1-0-3-0, 2-0-2-10); Kurper 4-0-32-0 (3-0-20-0, 1-0-12-0) Cronja 3-0-14-0 (2-0-13-0, 1-0-14), Kirsten 1-0-9-0. INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 47 runs. 20: 88, 30: 150, 40: 224. Rain stopped play from 7,34 to 8.14pm local time. England's larget reduced to 226 in

England won by three wickets Man of the match: A J Stewart (adjudicator K R Stackpole) Umpres B'L Aldridge (New Zealand) and J Buultjens (Sri Lanks)

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THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



ake light of it if you wish, it's only poetat that. Wendy Cope's new volume is called Serious Concerns, but what do these concerns — love and sex and death matter in an election-fevered

Budget week? And what do poets know of budgets? They barely earn a crust. A best-selling poet is a contradiowe have — Ted Hughes, Seamus
Heaney, Cope—it is Ms Cope who
is in danger (because her poems
are the soul of brevity and clarity and, though often sad and tinged with malice, full of charm) of becoming as truly popular as Sir John Betjeman. The solemnities of earnest criticism die on the lips, as one male critic found when he wrote in The Spectator: "She is witty and unpretentious, which is both her strength and her limitstion." Upon which Ms Cope seized her pen and wrote:

I'm going to try and overcome

Away with sloth! Now should I work at being less witty? Or more pretentious?

1990 AMES 🍎 The same hapless fellow said that she "wrote to amuse". "Write to amuse?" she says. "What an appalling suggestion! I write to make people anxious and miserable and to worsen their digestion." So much for women poets being a soft touch.

Her first collection, in 1986, was called Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis, a bold move since she had never, at the time, met him, a man not hard to vex. It was I who brazenly rang him on her behalf, to find out what he thought of her stuff. Luckily he thought it bloody good. He admired her adherence to traditional metres "She might never have heard of Ezra Pound," he said approvingly) and, to her amazement, turned up

to her launch party.
Six years on, Ms Cope has found fame. She is aired on Radio 4's Kaleidoscope and in Cosmopolitan, she reads her work aloud in bookshops, where queues form.

Making Cocoa sold 40,000.

copies, and Faber expect Serious Concerns (E12.99; £4.99 paperback) to outsell it. The only place to catch her this week, between public appearances, was at the house of her analyst, the appositely named Arthur S. Couch.

Waiting outside Mr Couch's house, I feel a poem coming on myself. I sit in the rain in my family mobile (myself) familymobile (crumpled crisp packets, homework books trampled underfoot) waiting for the poet. Ms Cope's white Mini (a single girl's dashabout car) is alongside, in the poshest street in Hampstead, where only stars and shrinks can afford to dwell. A burglar alarm rings in the house next door, ignored. I listen to the Chancellor speaking of incentives and consumer demand, and read Ms Cope's lines about lost love and

hopeless men. When she appears she looks wan and anxious, despite her hour on Arthur's couch. The photographer says the light is terrible (it always is) so we go to the garden of Keats's

"My heart aches, and a drowsy numbriess pains my sense": Wendy Cope in the Hampstead garden where Keats wrote " house. In this garden, one spring of the morning in 1819, Keats wrote of the morning in 1819, Keats wrote one as a long time of the morning in 1819, Keats wrote one as a long time of the morning in 1819, Keats wrote one as a long time of the morning in 1819, Keats wrote one as a long time of the morning in 1819, Keats wrote one as a long time of the morning in 1819, Keats wrote one spring one carpet of crocuses under Ms Cope's lightly shod feet, until she was firmly told to keep off the Keats was her favourite poet

when she was 14 and first read "The Eve of St Agnes", so sexy and beautiful, Madeline lying in the chill moonlight dreaming of love. Keats wrote that in this house, too. Ms Cope is pleased that Sir Kingsley once said that anyone with any feeling for poetry will have loved Keats best at some time. What Sir Kingsley actually wrote was: "No one who has never thought him the greatest poet in the world, for no matter how brief a period, has any real feeling for

literature." his 1957 essay in which he had sneered at Keans's "O Poesy!" animdes, his bards, pards and Muses, and "that sugary erotic extravaganza, "The Eve of St Agnes" which has inspired countless legions of adolescents to maunder on about lines throbbing

with imagination. ut from juvenile enthusiasms crisp modern poets develop, and Ms Cope is adept at parodying "O

Poesy!", or anything else. Six years ago, she still had her day job as Miss Cope, music teacher in a primary school down the Old Kent Road, in London. She decided that if her book reprinted she would give in her contact of the tale. notice, and did. Then the telephone started ringing and, though conscious of her good fortune, she found they wanted too much: could she fly to Leeds each week and read a topical poem on the air? A wise friend told her: never write poems for money. Do other things for money, and write the poems you want. So she did television reviews, which nearly killed all desire to watch television, and only wrote to order on occasion, as in her "19th Christ-

mas poem": Big deal. Big chance To sell them a thyme. They never publish poetry Except at Christmas-time:

A.E. Housman waited 26 years. She has a thing about Housman (and has already chosen the lines from "A Shrop-shire Lad" she

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But this was a 1970 postscript to

wants read at her I think I am in love with A.E. Which puts me

a worse-than-No woman ever stood a chance And he's been dead since 1936.

She stipulates, absurdly, that there must be no questions about her private life. But who needs to ask? Like Dorothy Parker's, hers is an open book. See "Bloody Men", the first poem in the new book. There are several more in the same wistful vein, about men who prove to be not what they at first seemed. "What we've got in common", Ms Cope says, "is ambivalence about

men." Her upbringing was in middle class Bexleyheath, in London, but she was sent away to a Methodist boarding school at seven. At the age of nine she was taken by her evangelical mother to a Billy Graham meeting, and responded to his call. Arriving at Oxford to read history she had OICCU (pronounced Oik-you, the university's Christian union) knocking at her door to join a Bible meeting. But she soon dropped them. "When they started praying for the nuns in our college to see the error of their ways, that was the final straw." Now she avoids all happy-clappy churches. and only goes if she can be sure of

hearing Cranmer's prayer book. She was also, unimaginably, 13 stone, but a nice doctor gave her speed: in the sixties, any doctor who gave amphetamines for slimming purposes was regarded as "nice". "I thought when I got to nine stone the world would be at my feet," she says. "But it wasn't."

Bloody Men

Bloody men are like bloody buses You wait for about a year And as soon as one approaches your stop Two or three others appear.

You look at them flashing their indicators, Offering you a ride. You're trying to read the destinations, You haven't much time to decide.

If you make a mistake, there is no turning back. Jump off and you'll stand there and gaze While the cars and the taxis and lorries go by And the minutes, the hours, the days.

> She is still nine stone, and though the world is at her feet, she still needs Mr Couch and her antinicotine chewing gum, and she frets excessively about what her mother will think, despite being 46, quite old enough to do as she

Her younger sister, who joined a female punk band called Moral Lepers and is now a disc jockey in Toronto, has made her escape. (The poem "For My Sister, Emi-grating", says: "We've grown up struggling, frightened that the family would drown us ..."). So there is plenty for Mr Couch to deal with here.

The solitary poet misses the companionship of school, and the funniness of the children. "When I was a young teacher I didn't have a television set," she once wrote. "My pupils felt sorry for me. 'Miss.' said one kindly eight-yearold, 'if you got a job, you could save up and buy a telly.' I was so touched I didn't have the heart to explain that I had a job aiready." From teaching children to be musically creative, she began to write herself. It is no coincidence that so many poets are teachers. Now she travels, expenses paid, to international poetry festivals in Toronto, Tel Aviv. Rotterdam and Macedonia. At workshops and

seminars she teaches others to

where once she was aus servek ti the women finalists in the Arvon poetry competition, won this week by Jacqueline Brown, had either attended writing courses, or tutored them. Ms Cope has both taught, and been taught at. Arvon courses in Devon. She taught poetry

in Wales last summer; and this summer will go back, to learn short-story writing. As is evi-dent from the vast numbers of entries poetry competi-tions attract, masses of people

do long to write. You may argue that what we need today is to encourage readers, not more writers, but Ms Cope wishes to reassure aspiring writers that the private process of writing is what matters, not publication.

"I have played the piano all my life. Nobody ever thought I would make a concert pianist, but I don't think playing the piano is a waste of time. Lots of people play instruments and sing, but don't expect to be professionals or stars. But somehow, with writing, people break their hearts to be published, and have this feeling that it isn't worth it unless they are.

"Spare-time pianists have a realistic idea of how good they are: spare-time writers don't. It's as if hundreds of people went in for an Olympic sprint without realising that the winning time would be in the region of ten seconds. Whereas piano-players know if they can't play a Beethoven sonata up to speed, and just enjoy it at a different level."

Writing courses are a form of self-help psychotherapy that women especially appear to need, and Ms Cope's success is indubitably to do with being female, but she appeals to men as well. Her male peers admire her for having cracked the trick of having both artistic integrity and commercial metre, and her willingness to use arcane forms, as Parker did too (subtilling her "Rondeau Redou-

"Ode to a Nightingale", approaching the same problems from a more humorous angle

ble at that".)
From "There are so Many
Kinds of Awful Men", in her last
book (which echoed Robert Graves's "Why have so many lovely, gifted girls/Married impossible men?") she now moves on to a more melancholy middle-aged

perspective:
When you're a spinster of forty, You're reduced to considering

From husbands inclined to be And divorces obsessed with their

o they come and go, the drinking ones, the married ones, the occasional one who is kind, or "al-most human". When she's let down (again) friends say oh well, you can write a poem about it. At first she feared that by being psychoanalysed she might become too sane to write. "But no, luckily I'm neurotic enough to get by." She still lives alone in South London, with piano and Roger Bear, the teddy (the only touch of whimsy I detect in an otherwise briskly efficient life), portrayed on the cover of this book by Posy Simmonds, reading T.S. Eliot's

Towards a Definition of Culture. Does she ever feel she ought to be writing about more important matters in a world full of terrors?
Yes. She considered writing of the
Gulf war, for instance, when
moved by the sight of the retreating Iraqis bombed in their vehicles. "But I would have felt like a vulture, somehow. I resist writing about something because you feel you ought to. I was very moved. but so was everyone who saw it on television, and if everyone sees it on television, who needs a poem? I don't have a special response.

"I couldn't write television reviews of the news bulletins about Enniskillen or the King's Cross fire. I'm not saying it's better to do what I do. But I do think that human happiness, and relationships, and love, are important

Quite. We need all the lightness we can get. As Gavin Ewart said, good light verse is better than bad heavy verse; or any heavy verse, come to that. What is read in quantity matters: if Ms Cope sells, ears trifling (two silly lines on a dead cat) and satirical, like the cricketing metaphor she makes out of Hamlet, Lear and Paradise Lost is leavened by sombre, moving poems like the one about her late grandmother, ending with "those last bewildered weeks", reflecting what oft was thought.

Male poets, as she once wrote, she used to imagine were "mad, bad and dangerous to know"; until she met a few, and found that most of them were "as wicked as a ginless tonic, and wild as pension plans'." Now she goes further: apart from having invented a painful old soak poet called Jason Strugnell, she mocks the male poets' collective inability to keep accounts, drive a car or read a map, able only to find their way to

the bar. Can they forgive her? It seems so. She was lavishly reviewed by Peter Porter, a poet she parodied before: he called her "seriously funny and lightly touching ... much more than a stand-up comedian working in rhyme and

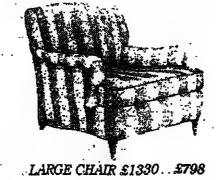
metre."

If today's light-verse writers appear to take themselves too seriously, he said, why not? "Their work has to be as true to common experience and as memorable as anything more vatic . . . " (Vatic? It means prophetic, oracular.)

Her fellow poet Vicki Feaver, an Arvon runner-up, points out that Stevie Smith insisted that women poets did not have to be kind, or nice, or sweet; but only clear, and fierce. And in touch with life's little ironies. As the Chancellor might have said, nothing matters but death and taxes: it's in the rest of life that sometimes people find a

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THE HIRED MAN: One-right-only performance of Melvyn Bragg's musical, written with the composer Howard Goodall (who also supplied the music for the recent BBC TV adaptation of Bragg's A Time to Dance) First staged at the Astona in 1984, the conserversion features the cast from that production with the addition of Glanda Jackson as narrator. The eventor is in Jeckson as nerrator. The evening is in aid of cancer charities. Palace Theatre, Shafle London W1 (071-434 0909). Sun.

FESTIVAL OF EXPRESSIONISM: The BBC Prainarmonic Orchestra's programme a recreation of the notonous Vienna "Skandalkonizert" March 31, 1913, includes music by Wobern (Six Pleces, Op 5), Zemlinsky (Maoteninck Songs), Schoenberg (First Chamber Symphony), Berg (Altenberg Leder) and Mahler (Kindertofenleder). The Berg provoked scuffles at the time and the concert was abandoned before the Mahler credit he claimed. befare the Mahler could be played. This time, Matthias Bemert will pro-

conduct to the very end.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), toright, 7-30pm

SCOTTISH CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA: The SCO, whose
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by its admirable commitment to
community outreach projects, unveils
the latest in Ser Peter Maxwell Device's
Scottledge Connection accounts. This Stratholyde Concertos sequençe. This one is the swith, and the soloist is David Nichalson, the SCO's principal fleutist. Davies himself conducts, and the programme is completed by Haydn's Secretarian line and the Symphones Nes 1 and 104. City Hell, Candlengos, Glasgow (041-227 5511), tonight, 7 30pm. LES ARTS FLORISSANTS: The

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WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

under the direction of William Christia. of music by such luminaries as Bousignac, Charpenner, Lembert and Mouthil All proceeds go to Crustid. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1081), tonight, 7,30pm.

ORFEO: Opening night of David Freeman's admired production of Monteverdi's opera, revived by English National Opera. Audiences in Lizadon will be able to see the other two was to acted use the other to productions by Freemen leter in the year (see Interview, page 3). For this place, harry Bicket, ENO's Chouse Master, makes his debut in the pit, and

Anthony Rolfe Johnson takes the feeding role. Collegum, St Martin's Lane, London WCZ (071-836 3161, cc: 071-240 5258), tonight, 7.30pm

DEATH IN VENICE BITTEN'S RAIL

DEATH IN VENICE Bittlen's final open is treated to a new production by the experienced Colin Grahem, who was also responsible for the first production at Aldeburgh in 1973. Steuart Sedford conducts (as at that Aldeburgh occasion), and the cast includes Philip Languige as Aachenbach, Alan Opic as the Traveller and Michael Chance as the Vocto of Apollo. John Piper's original designs are used for the projections Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1089/1911), toright, 7-300-10.

ALEXANDER CALDER: The man who thought up the mobile could be accused of many things, including culpable insubstantiality, but lock of invention would hardly be one of them

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment

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El PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleetul version of the old thriller tunes by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftssbury, Shaftssbury Avenue, WCZ (071-379 5399), Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mict Trum, Spm, Set, Spm, 180mins.

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Reunted by his city's past. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554) Mon-Set, Spm, met Set, 4pm. 145mins.

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El A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two parasts of Beable tribute in Cilia Porter's wit and wry melodies Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836

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To go to a Calder exhibition is to enter, willy-nilly, into his own happy world of bright primary colours and fluttering stapes ever on the more. For thin like to a circus, often Rismilly, to earlier years he made many drawings and wire sculptures on circus themse. Even his late "stables" are full of movement, frozzen it seems just for the moment.

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Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadily, London W1 (071-439 7438). Deily, 10er

PAINTINGS: No more than three years have passed since the Tate Gallery's last big David Hockney exhibition, But in one respect, at least, this new show

in one respect, at least, this new show ofters something different, it includes The Third Love Pantilog, painted by the student Hockney in 1980, and recently bought by the Tale. The painting is notable for its graffit-file inscriptions, including lines from Walt Whitman. Other Hockneys owned by the gallery will be on display including A Bigger Späseh, Tatts Gatlery, Millbank, SWI (071-821 7125). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, 9pns temorrow.

LOU REED: If he can recreate belf the

LOU REELY if he can recent Magic and Loss abum, than these will be some at the year's most manuscrabia concerts. Next week he plays at London's Henmensmith Odeon, Palace Theetre, Odord Street, Manchenser (05) 120 5222), Sur., Tom,

evening of classic carbon films and five music seems an odd choice to launch

This year's Estibut. It feathers performence by Bifty Jenkins and his Voice of God Collective, with guesting singer Carol Grimes.
Camden Parkway Cinemes, 14
Parkway, London NWH (Feathval Box Office 071-397 9829), 7.15pm.

CAMDEN JAZZ FESTIVAL: An

5.50pm, opens tomorrow.

DAVID HOCKNEY: SEVEN

A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES. BROTHERS: Lively paracle of tuneful picties. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Set, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins

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LONG RUNNERS: # Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (171-838 9872).

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Bruce Wills as a world-weary detective embrosted in L.A. corrupton. Crowd-pleasing extion move, pied with bullets and jokes. With Damon Wayens; director, Yony Scott. MCM Fullman Road (871-370 2638) MGM Haymarket (071-838 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-000 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

ONCE UPON A CRIME (PG). Vacuous comedy about Americans in Monte Carlo tembing over a dechanund and a dear body Siamnig John Candy, James Belushi, Sean Young, Richard Lews, Cybil Shaphard; director, Eucone Levi Eugene Levy Odeon West End (0435 915574)

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Talk about garrulous company

Riverside Studios

THE dividing line between the irresistible storyteller Scheherazade and the prolix saloon-bar bore has never seemed so perilously fine as in this two-and-a-half-hour monologue by Ken Campbell. At his best, the cult comic defies categorisation, ranging through precariously-linked topics, making sideways intellectual leaps juxtaposing subjects with a logic, bizarre but unassailable, that recalls Lewis Carroll's surrealism - only to loop the loop, conversationally speaking, and return inexorably to the point. Put in musical terms, Campbell rambles through variations in distant keys before triumphantly recapitulating his theme.

The first half of his new string of anecdotes and quirky philosophical observations shows him at his best, Against the background of a study — desk, globe, books, figurines, ranged against a black curved wall - he launches into reminiscences that take in a schoolboy awareness of God (situated somewhere in the stomach) and his first job in Colchester Rep before fiction, unperceived, sneaks up on us. He draws parallels between an episode of his early life and the horror film The Exorcist.

From then on, apparent autobiography gleams with flecks of fantasy: a magic wand bought at a mind and body exhibition that produced tickets for a sold-out Bob Dylan concert; an actor colleague with a "legendary minus quality: when he left the room the stage would look somehow fuller"

and who was ordered, by a dream, to attend every live performance by Ken Dodd for a year; and a digression into

Solomon Islanders. So far so good: a rich ramble bristling with tangents but never out of control. When Campbell illustrates the different characters hinted at by his two profiles, haptised Elsie and "the spanking squire", one can only

On reflection: Ken Campbell uses a mirror to conjure up yet another character in his one-man show (again) and rabbis, seemed selfmarvel at how far he has come from indulgent and interminable.

the starting point and how natural it The second half, at least on the the pidgin-English dirty limericks second night, found him flagging, fluffing pay-off lines, and fatally which brought him fame among the leaving us time to reflect on his obsession with the nose-bottom con-

Most solo shows depend on the performer's condition from night to night. I am prepared to believe on a good evening Campbell can hold an audience in the palm of his hand. On a bad one Scheherazade is replaced 6 by the insistent loquacity of a beadynection. The links are ever more tenuous, the gabble less disciplined: eyed Ancient Mariner. and the final 20 minutes. floundering through cucumbers, Ken Dodd

MARTIN HOYLE

THEATRE

Reclaimed from film

Anna Karenina Tricycle, Kilburn

ADOLESCENT exposure to the Garbo film put me off this Tolstoy story for years, a deprivation that would not have occurred had Nancy Meckler's Shared Experience company been around to redress the balance, showing the story to be sturdy as well as romantic, intelligent instead of insufferable. Meckler's direction of Helen

Edmundson's clever adaptation clasps the attention from its opening moment, in which cloaked figures huddle against a bare, black wall and a woman is being dragged against her will through a doorway. What is happening? Who are these people? No immediate answer is provided, but the movements and lighting are so assured, the sense of doom ahead so intriguingly signalled, that we are instantly caught up within a literary work remoulded to make its points as deftly in the twist of a head or the tipping of a chair as in the steady revelations of dialogue. Married to a provincial governor,

the punctilious Karenin, Anna revolts against her life of compromise when Vronsky. This is the love affair that gives the novel its name. But two other love affairs have been given their proper, important place in this

READERS who have not attended a concert of popular music for some years may sometimes ask themselves if ice creams are still sold at these events. The answer, sadly, is often negative, yet a Barry White tour still provides opportunities for gentlemen queue for cornets during the interval.

White, known to rock theologians as the love god, is responsible for the survival of other arcane mating rituals. His stage set in London could only be described as diaphanously clad, the array of musicians concealed behind fabrics normally associated with seductive bedroom furnishings. Dressed entirely in black, complete with black handkerchief, White was

> JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR

adaptation: the rocky marriage of Anna's philandering brother, and the on-off courtship between Kitty, the young girl passed over by Vronsky, and her tormented admirer Levin, a comic self-portrait of the author.

Edmundson dares to bring Anna and Levin together for the first spoken words of the play. "This is my story."
Anna murmus. "It seems to be mine
too." comes his reply, and for the
remainder of the play scenes are set and emotions summarised through the imaginary exchanges of their

This double narrative gives almost all the guidance needed, though events do become unclear near the end. The emotional moods are revealed through Meckler's inventive direction: Richard Hope's bear-like Levin, subjecting himself to physical exercise in order to forget Pooky Quesnel's Kitty, who continually scapes back onto the stage and into his thoughts. Sliding panels disclose now Max Gold's Vronsky, now the unbending Karenin of Gregory Floy, whose violent passion finds an image in the tight clenching of his hands. Racetrack disasters, weddings, ma-

licious bails — the essense of each is swiftly suggested, boldly sustained. Seldom off the stage, Annabelle Apsion's Anna in her black slik dress, treads the path of the ostracised woman, given few chances to show the joys of love before letting herself be tossed along the line of actors who nave been by turns lamily, society at peasants and now become the grinding wheels of her fate.

JEREMY KINGSTON

OPERA

Enjoyable throwback

Ernani New, Cardiff

VERDI's Emani returns to the Welsh National Opera trailing a strong whiff of yesteryear. It is there in the long, scaring melodies, three or four of which took their proper place in Victorian drawing-rooms. It comes again in the outmoded sentiments of honour and duty in the libretto Piave crudely fashioned from Victor Hugo's original play. But most of all Emani is a powerful reminder that it was once the Welsh National Opera, inspired by its then musical director Richard Armstrong, which showed the way back to Verdi's early operas.

Armstrong, a rare visitor now to Cardiff, is back to show that he has lost none of his touch with a score full of surface aggression and inner gloom. The climaxes, with the chorus always to the fore, blaze away. especially at the end of Act III, when there is a rare touch of forgiveness in the air as all on stage for a moment believe (falsely, of course) they have something to celebrate. Underneath, Armstrong's orchestra makes it clear that Elvira's suitors are losers. Ernani the bandit and Carlo I of Spain both fail and evil will triumph in the shape of elderly uncle Silva. Gloomy melodrama is deverly

housed in Elijah Moshinsky's production, first seen in 1979 and still

carrying much grander, a few Firbankian cardinals apart. The creaks in the plot are hushed up. barring a couple of technical hitches. and Maria Bjernson's ornate cosnumes continue to shine out against the black, balustraded halls of her set. Suzanne Murphy is the only princi-

pal to survive from 1979. The voice now lacks the suppleness for Elvira's opening aria, but when heroics are called for then she is the soprano for the job, with clear notes overriding orchestra and chorus. The Ukrainian tenor Paolo

Kudriavchenko in the title role is an altogether cruder performer, almost reckless at times with his voice and then producing some ringing tone to suggest him as a future Manrico. As an actor he rates at about the same ievel as the effigy on Charlemagne's tomb in Act III. It is Charlemagne whom Carlo

addresses in his pensive aria "O di berd'anni miei". Malcolm Donnelly gave it a heavier ride than it requires. but then showed his Verdian strength in leading the finale of the act O sommo Carlo". The most impressive performance came from Anthony Miles as a Basil Rathbone-like Silva. gradually stripping away the benign mask in tones which marked out a g Verdian bass of immense promise. Emani is not calculated to appeal

to Boulez fanciers, but those comfortable with a little fustian and ready to taste the flavour of what opera used to be should hasten along. From Cardiff it travels to Southampton, Birmingham and Bristol.

JOHN HIGGINS

ROCK

In the name of love

Barry White Hammersmith Odeon

hard-pressed, initially, to compete with The Love Unlimited Orchestra.

Few artists dare to tow violinists and cellists around Europe with them in these straitened times, let alone a conductor, but Barry has realised that his songs need the depth that such old-fashioned devices bring to the party.

Party is the appropriate word, since White was playing disco music when John Travolta was still acting in television commercials. Before the Bump and the Hustle, however, we

had to share a few thoughts with the great man on the subject of romance. Making love is the most sacred act ever committed by a man and woman together. Men may have nature, the birds and trees, he told us (man to man), but women are the greatest gift of all. White may not be able to sing a

note but he can rumble and groan his way through such intimacies with unassailable confidence.

The final section of a long but

mostly pleasurable set was devoted to the big hits of the early Seventies. They still sounded majestic in their neo-classical pretension. The urgent, ephemeral mood they invoked obviously carried a raft of memories for those audience members able to associate them with specific instances of the sacred act. White must be aware that some part of his current appeal rests upon a joke, yet the songs endure and White rolls on. The joke, it seems, is on us.

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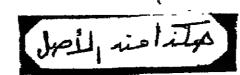
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kel's Altes Muse um in Berlin, silkscreened banners carry photographs of George Grosz, Paul Klee, Kathe Kollwitz and other outstanding painters and sculptors. Whenever a breeze etirs them, their billowing heads look vuinerable compared with the solidity of the portico. And well they might For these artists were ruth-lessly victimised by Hitler, who confiscated 650 examples of their work from German museums and herded into an exhibition. which he called Entartete

Kunst (Degenerate Art). The most vituperative and pernicious attack ever to be aunched against Modernism, the show was originally crammed into hastily partitioned, corridor-like galleries at Munich's Archaeological institute. It opened on July 19, 1937, only a day after the Nazi leader had unveiled a far grander survey called the Great German Art Exhibition in the same city. The juxtaposition was intended to aud Hitler's favourite image makers at the expense of the avant-garde. And judging by the Altes Museum's reconstruction, he vilified virtually all the finest artists at work in his troubled country.

After the Degenerate Art survey had toured 13 German and Austrian cities, its contents were sold, lost or consigned to flames. No proper list of exhibits was ever published, and so historians had only a fragmentary notion of the paintings, sculp-ture and prints included in the show

But the recent discovery of 70 installation photographs, preserved in the archives of the National Gallery in the former East Berlin, provide a far clearer picture of the exhibition. They enabled Stephanie Barron of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, in collaboration with several German colleagues, to identify and bring together around 175 of the images arraigned in the narrow, crowded chambers of

Entantele Kunst. Sensitively designed by the architect Frank O. Gehry, the survey opens with a 22-foot scale model of the original show. As we move along the reve-level seguence of rooms. festooned with miniature reproductions of the work they

Richard Cork on

a show that recalls the Nazis' infamous 1937

exhibition of 'degenerate art'

comes clear. No dignity was accorded to these humiliating clusters of images. They were treated like repellent evidence in a trumped-up show-trial, and comments scrawled on the walls as roughly as graffiti

added to the degradation.

"An insult to German womanhood" screamed one slogan, while others branded the work as a defamation of "the German heroes of the World War." Hitler and his cronies could not forgive the artists for daring to challenge the Fascist emphasis on health, strength and militarism triumphant. In their eyes, Aryan purity had been besmirched by corrupting foreign influences, all determined to present "nature as seen by sick minds". The distorted forms favoured by Expressionism and other innovative movements testified to depravity alone, and red stickers near many of the exhibits reminded visitors that they had been "paid for by the taxes of the German

efore arriving at the "degenerate art" itself, the exhibition provides grotesque and risible footage of the imagery Hitler favoured. At the opening ceremonles held in Munich to celebrate his Great German Art Exhibition, a succession of Viking boats, bronze eagles, rearing Pegasus sculptures and white-robed maidens carrying a model of the new House of German Art paraded past a gratified Führer. Then, as he entered the approved show, the first painting to greet him was a monumental portrait of himself, straining for the *gravitas* he could

never command in person. The entire characle seems so ludicrous that if threatens to rob Nazi cultural manipulation of its true malevolence. In subsequent rooms, how-ever, the full force of Fascist censorship is exposed. "Deliterature is displayed in showcases, where Marx, Mann and Hemingway share the opprobrium. A video monitor relays tapes of the 1933 book burnings, when "un-German" literature was thrown on bonfires with a venom that presaged the wholesale destruction of human life in the concentra-

Avant-garde composers suffered a similar fate. Hitler was merciless with Schoenberg's atomality, Weill's score for the Threepenny Opera and black American jazz. After 1938, an exhibition of this maligned music travelled around Germany with the Enturtete Kunst show. Headphones at the Altes Museum enable us to listen to some of the exhibitanting compositions denounced as "musical Bol-

The rest of this superbly researched survey is devoted to a room-by-room reconstruction of Entartete Kunst itself. The organisers' desire for historical fidelity has not, however, led them to ape the abusive display techniques of the original show. In each section, photographs of the Munich installation are accompanied by concise explanatory texts. But the other walls are given over to a spacious and respectful hang-ing of the paintings and sculpture which survive.

Some of the most powerful images were among the works that perished, and meiancholy footage by the free-lance American film-maker Julien Bryan in 1937 pro-vides tantalising glimpses of lost masterpieces by Beckmann. Dix and Gies. Even so, the Nazis' realisation that "degenerate" art could be auctioned for handsome prices ensured that significant images escaped.

from the Cross, reviled by the Fascists for its anguished distortions, dominates one room with a sense of harrowing compassion. But Chagall's early painting of a rabbi savouring a pinch of smuff is almost as memorable.

Although Russian-born, and based in Paris during the 1930s, Chagall was deemed to have exerted a decadent influence on German painters. The subject-matter of the rabbi picture also coridemned it in the Nazis' view: they were hell-bent on eradicating all traces of Jewish culture. Because of their anti-Semit-

just the Messenger scene."

but whether they can experience.

To have 22 people on stage all the time, all acting

strongly, is very unusual. You

don't get that in plays, and

you don't usually get it in opera. There are six main

characters in Rigoletto and

the chorus comes in and out. but that isn't working with the sort of micro-detail I try to

get. Frankly this production-

is one of the toughest I've

This year, starting with

Orfeo tonight, London will

see productions by Freeman

of all three surviving Monte-verdi operas: The Return of

Ulysses opens at ENO on-

May 20 and The Coronation

of Poppea at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on May 1.

don't like the idea of doing

cycles à la Ponnelle. But I've

always been interested in the

first did Orfeo. It was in

Nottingham, and I had a

conversation with John Eliot

Gardiner. Lord Harewood and Tony [Rolfe Johnson]

about doing Uhssex. It was eight years before it hap-

pened. But I'd already directed Poppea when I was 19, in

my more megalomaniac days

in Sydney. People said of

Offeo that it wouldn't work

"I can remember when I

Coincidence or intent?

Monteventi operas.

ic vendetta, I was surprised



Ernst Ludwig Kirchner's Farmers' Meal, 1920: the Nazis branded it degenerate art and gave it the title German Farmers: A Yiddish View OTHER INCHIBITIONS

that only six of the 112 artists included in Entartete Kunst were lews. The Fascists, however, insisted on condemning anyone whose work seemed to smack of deviation from the heroic norm.

Nolde, a political conservative who had joined the new Nazi party in 1920, subscribed to theories of racial superiority. But these opinions did not prevent the Fascists from confiscating over 1,000 of his works from German museums, and ultimately banning him from painting. They could not for-give Noide his brazen preoccupation with nudity and the so-called primitivism of the art he encountered in the South Pacific.

othing could stop Hitler and his cronies from discious motives in the most harmless works. Kirchner's large canvas of a Farmer's Meal is an innocuous work. for all its boisterous brushmarks and strangely aquamarine flesh colours. In Entartete Kunst, however, the painting was saddled with the title German Farmers: A Yiddish View.

Sometimes, the speed with

INTERVIEW

Baroque till you drop

which Goebbels and his selec-tion committee organised the show resulted in blunders they were forced to rectify. A hallucinatory brass Head by Rudolf Belling was displayed in the show, and duly reap-pears here. But the committee soon realised, to its embarrassment and confusion, that Belling had been included in the survey of Hitler-approved art as well. The Head was

quickly removed. In the end, though, such farcical manoeuvrings should not be allowed to distract attention from the poisonous nature of the event. Artists were treated like criminals in this flagrant attack on their liberty, and until Hitler's death they continued to be hounded without mercy.

The only small comfort is the realisation that nearly three million people viewed Entartete Kunst, wherea only 20,000 saw the official Great German Art Exhibition. By pursuing the avantgarde witch-hum with such corrosive zeal, Goebbels may have unwittingly enabled many visitors to be seduced by the illicit delights of an art they were supposed to hate. Enterime Kunst leat the

Elsewhere in the

IN BERLIN

capacious Altes Museum, a complementary survey of Expressionist Watercolours and Drawings shows the persecuted avant-garde at its most spontaneous. Altes Museum am

Lustgarten until May 3. With great generosity, Otto vari de Loo has presented his important collection of post-war art to The main emphasis is on wildly handled, thickly applied paintings by Asger

Jorn, Karel Appel, and Pierre Alechinsky. Neue Nationalgalerie. Potsdamer Strasse 50, until

 Fresh and troubling insights into the origins of the first world war are provided by an admirably researched exhibition at the Deutsches Historisches Museum about the last Kaiser, Wilhelm II. Deutsches Historisches Museum, Zeughaus, Linter den Linden 2, until April 7

 The post-modernist classical quotation was

anticipated, between the wars, by an international array of streamlined Art Deco architects, Aptly staged in the Pergamonmuseum, which houses classical masterpieces of its own, this absorbing survey juxtaposes buildings like Henry Hohauser's Warsaw Ballroom in Miami Beach with the Poseidon Temple at Paestum. demonstrating a debt spanning the gulf between Italy circa 450 BC and Florida in 1940. Pergamonmuseum, Museumsinsci, Kupfer graben, until March 3 l

TELEVISION REVIEW

The truth about Wax

RUBY WAX came to Britain from America 15 years ago, broke into television and immediately became thor-oughly detested. Even I, not given to detestation either thorough or otherwise, quickly realised that here was someone I could do without, the brash, know-all American archetype, too loud, too unsubtle, too much. This was as serious a misjudgment as I

can recall making. In mitigation I would claim that when Wax first appeared, on Channel 4, I took it that she was simply being herself. The brash, knowall . . . etc. The truth has since

Ruby Wax is a sweet and quiet thing, shy even, a resident of somewhere like Surbiton where she cooks whole food and dotes on children, dogs, husband, in-laws. From time to time she pumps herself up and gets into a BBC limo, wherein — en

on a mask of personality mostly borrowed and wholly exaggerated, the better to reinforce our prejudices about Americans, the better to make us laugh.

This metamorphosis is, for all I know, pure invention on my part. But if it explains the inexplicable fact that I have come to like Wax, that I now regard her as one of the few genuine originals in tele-vision, then it is as good an excuse as any. Surely she will not mind.

programme's creche), a "star" interview mercifully

Wax returned to BBC 1 last night for a new series of The Full Wax. The formula is as before, a mixture of bizarre skits on a studio set that looks as if it has been assembled from an up-market jumble sale, a foil role for the wonderfully deadpan Jennifer Saunders (now running the

unlike others of the genre and

involved breaking into Joanna Lumley's bedroom by

various excursions into the

smashing a window and discovering in bed with Lumley a man wearing stockings and a suspender belt. The sketch e:.ded with Lumley, her nightdress caught in Wax's car door, being dragged along the street. Somehow Wax carries this off, partly because she writes scripts that leave the viewer little time to consider whether what she is up to has any intrinsic merit. Last night was a considerable relief, the end of having to worry about why I disliked

Ruby Wax so much and the beginning of just sitting there and letting it carry me along. The possibility that Wax is exactly what she appears to be is 100 awful to contemplate; so ī shall not.

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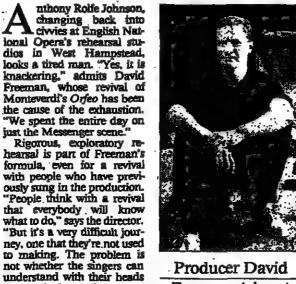


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Producer David Freeman (above)

scores a hat trick with three Monteverdi operas

in three months. Stephen Pettitt spoke to him

on the Coliseum stage, but it worked better there than on a smaller stage because actually it's very epic. So is *Ulysses*. On the other hand *Poppea*'s realty pillow talk, all very

Partly for that reason, Freeman's production of Poppea, the only new one of the three, is to be staged by his own company, Opera Factory. What can we expect from Freeman's Poppea? "We always think that Greece is the beginning of Western civilisation, so that there used to be a line directly from ancient Greece to British public schools. But Greece faces as much east as west, and that's the other line I try to bring

into these works." But Poppea is a Roman story. Nero was a Grecophile too. He spent a year in Greece entering acting competitions, which rather unsurprisingly he always

the purer Roman world of Seneca and Octavia with Nero's Greek and therefore colourful Eastern influences. "You can't be nice to Nero, because he was a killer. But every emperor was. They lived in a world where people kill, like animals, for survival. The

question of killing a person

therefore isn't necessarily one of homicidal mania. We don't deal with death in our own lives at all. It's tidied away. But you can't deal with any of these pieces unless you treat them in those terms. "I'd like the audience to understand within the context of Roman society that the

Romans themselves are shocked by Nero. Not because he's sexually rather libertine - for God's sake after Tiberius and Caligula I don't think they could have been surprised by anything but because of his lack of respect for what Rome stood for. The Republican thing, the old Roman ideal which was a bit Spartan."

One vital aspect of Freeman's productions is that he encourages his actor-singers to explore the work for themselves. "I'm certainly basing the productions on their own ideas, though obviously I have to offer a vocabulary so that there's some unity to the thing. Ideally it would be as free as it ever was, though this time in Orfeo there have been constraints: I've had to make some things more explicit than I'd wish. What people think about between rehearsals is as important as what

they do in rehearsal." Where will Freeman's visions take him now? "I'd like to find another Cavalli opera, and I'd be interested to look at Rameau sometime. This vear, apart from Poppea, Opera Factory is doing Birtwistle's Yan Tan Tethera, and something we're going to call Factory Workshop, which is a way of cooking up new

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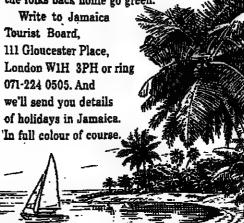
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SOS at the job centre: striking staff in Bristol complain that they have been refused a safety measure even though they are threatened, punched and abused by "clients"

Siege of the job centres

he main job centre in Bristol is a handsome, red brick building in Nelson Street with an interior that resembles the better class of travel agency. The carpers deaden all noise, the walls are fastidiously painted in calming colours and terminals blink on desks, as if ready to summon up the holiday of a

Their real task is much harder: to summon up jobs in a market where the applications far outnumber the vacancies. The terminals are operated by people with varying degrees of experience, but whether they are on 60,000 a year as administrative assistants or £13,600 as executive officers, all are on what both management and unions call "the

As with most front lines, this one is marked by long periods of duliroutine interspersed with frantic and sometimes violent activity. People may now wait their turn on state-of-the-art plastic chairs, may now be called "clients", but a few of them are none the less prone to lasinne out, often in sheer frustration, at the person, more often than ಗಾರ 4 woman, who, for the client,

represents "government policy".

At Nelson Street, there have been cases where people climbed over de is to punch staff, picked up desks and threw them across the room, nunched holes in screens, threw ishings and seei files. The Civil and Public Servants' Association CPSA claims that between 1989 and sure attempted or actual assemble in job centres nationwide tase from 155 to 233. The employment department enter a fall in the number of assaults, from 161 in 1975; to 152 last year. This difference is probably accounted for by the inton's inclusion of attempted actualts and verbal assaults.

This violence, and ways of preventing it, is at the beart of a dispute between the CPSA and the employment department in 1989 the vernment embarked on a scheme turn all the 1,200 job centres in Britain into open-plan offices. The thension followed several years of ensurines into the best way to make the centres more "user-friendly". "Charus designs, which incorporatdiscump screens between staff and carries and screened off areas for consultation, are still in use in about and of the nation's job centres. The CPSA supports the new plan in Do 'user friendly' employment offices increase the danger of assault by claimants? Peter Barnard talks to striking staff on the front line

principle but argues that 1 or 2 per cent of offices need special measures to reduce the number of assaults on

What seemed like a bridgeable gap became a chasm in April last year when, with the backing of the CPSA nationally, five offices (two in Bristel and two in London at Marylebone and Forest Hill, plus one in Newcastle upon Tyne) went on indefinite strike. The Newcastle staff returned to work on Monday after a local agreement which in volves hiring security guards and installing video cameras.

The CPSA in Bristol claims that its own strike could have ended late last year. John Conway, a 31-yearold administrative officer who is leading the Bristol strike, says: "We had a verbal agreement with the area manager that a high, wide counter would be installed to protect the staff, but subsequently we were told there had been a change of mind. We think the employment department put pressure on the regional management." The empluyment department in Bristol denies this and says the proposal was "exploratory" and, in any event. the new desks could not be built.

Young people dominate the staff of Britain's job centres and many of them talk about the violence that has led to the

strike as being largely a product of the recession. In fact, the problem goes back a long way, as Marsha Thatcher can testify.

Ms Thatcher, aged 38, went into

the civil service straight from school and since 1975 she has worked for the employment service. One day in

1982 she discovered that it can be a

dangerous occupation.
"In those days all the offices had screens but I was talking to a client

in a caged interview area behind the

counter with nothing separating him from me. I knew him well, he

was always asking to switch from being paid weekly to fortnightly and

"There comes a point where you have to say no and on this particular

occasion that's what I said. He leaned across the table and grabbed

Whatever the merits of that argument, there is a more fundamental one over the scale of violence. The fact that staff are being assaulted is at least not in dispute.

litarry of incidents from around the country, including many cases where people have needed hospital treatment and some where the DoE has subsequently awarded a disability allowance, is testament to a problem which has countless putative causes: higher unemployment through the recession, the merger of job centres and benefit offices, which means that the emotive subject of money is now discussed in the same environment where previously only jobs were assigned, and changes in the benefit entitlement rules which can dash the

expectations of claimants. You get a case where someone comes in who was last unemployed five years ago," Mr Conway says. Then, a person was entitled to benefit after six weeks, now it is 26 weeks. They arrive expecting to get some money only to find they have to wait the best part of six months. We understand their frustration. But

me around the throat. My glasses

flew up and gashed my eyebrow. He got over the table and started kicking me in the stomach and

punching me in the stomach and punching me in the face.

"Eventually colleagues dragged him away but I had to go to hospital and have four stitches, I could easily have lost my eye. The mark is still there so it's not

something I'm likely to forget." Ms

Thatcher was given a 1 per cent disability rating by the DoE and she

now works in the Bristol adjudica-

Jailed, happened in the same Nel-son Street office that is at the centre

of the Bristol dispute. Yet although

she sympathises with the strikers. Ms Thatcher is not in favour of the

strike and she believes strongly in

the open plan concept.

"Once you put up barriers you are telling people psychologically that there is difference between them

The attack, for which a man was

tions department.

minority and we fully accept that in most offices open plan can work and can make the place more user

"Our argument is purely on health and safety grounds; we think that where there is a risk, we need protection. And the two Bristol offices where we are on strike have a history of violence."

The main police station in Bristol; the Bridewell, is opposite the Nelson Street job centre. The police station is itself being refurbished to make it more user friendly, but the toughened glass screens are being retained. Avon and Somerset Police had no official comment on the dispute, but one officer at the Bridewell said that until recently there had been "a stream of calls from the job centre to the police station, which had stopped roughly when the strike started. During the strike, the job centre is open only from 10am to 3pm each day and only for enquiries, the inference being that the violence has stopped now that the office is no longer

paying out benefit. Jane Henderson, the regional director of the Employment Service THE LEANED ACROSS THE TABLE AND GRABBED ME BY THE THROAT

> and you. Against that, there is undoubtedly a problem in inner city areas and once you have put up barriers it is very difficult to take them down again.
> "The only solution lies in good old-fashioned courtesy. Naturally independent witnesses. you get some staff who are better at handling these situations than oth-

but not another. "Sometimes age is a factor. If a client comes in who is out of work after spending 20 or 30 years in a job they may resent being told what they can and cannot have by somebody who, by their standards, looks as if he is just out of school. And people have long memories, you hear of assaults that are caused

ers, therefore you have clients who

may be violent towards one person

by people with scores to settle.
"But I don't think that going back to the intimidating atmosphere of the old office is the answer. It certainly didn't do me any good." (the part of the employment depart-ment which runs job centres) for the south west, says the problem is in danger of getting out of proportion.
This is a region with 200,000 unemployed and 30,000 job centre staff yet there is less than one assault a month on average.

"Before we refurbished Nelson Street we called in two psychologists to tell us how to create a friendly atmosphere. We conceded the nee for security guards several months before the strike started and we have taken steps to ensure that the staff deal with the public in ways that avoid confrontation. But there is always some risk of people being

The CPSA argues that people are familiar with protective screens in banks and building societies, so why not accept them in job centres? One psychologist, who asked not to be named because he is involved in government staff training, said: The trouble with that argument is that in a bank people are dealing with what is basically their own money. Claimants, whatever they may have paid in over the years, are essentially asking for 'government money', not their own. This makes the definition of entitlement differ-ent depending on which side of the desk you are on and that is why you

Trusting the client can be painful. Other inner-city offices report similar activity to those in Bristol, including a case in Sussex last year where a member of staff allegedly jumped upon and attacked in the foyer of a job centre when he went to lock up for lunch. There was no prosecution because of a lack of

The impression of this dispute is that it is hardly in the classic pre-Thatcher stereotype of bloody-minded management versus bloodyminded union. The 30 people on strike in Bristol, few of whom have joined a dispute before, appear to be waiting for a concession that will enable them to go back and the management appears to be looking for a concession to keep the openplan policy intact.

Indeed, the key phase may not be the end of the strike but the acid test of the policy, which will come when all 1,200 job centres have been refurbished. Only a full year under that regime will answer the question as to whether the best way to protect staff is to trust the customers.

ABC: they all agree

Reading is alive and well taught in primary schools throughout the land, despite this week's HMI report

20 children whose growing-up is being recorded annually in the Citizen 2000 television programme will come as a salutary corrective to parents who believe all they have been told recently about the way primary schools teach - or fail to teach -English.

A report from Her Majesty's Inspectorate this week said that one in five primary schools still teaches reading poorly. According to a comparative reading survey published last month of seven-year-olds by the National Foundation for Educational Research, standards of reading have fallen by 2.5 per cent in the past four years. Often the blame for the decline has been put on "progressive"

methods of primary teaching. The children whose lives began with Channel 4's in 1982 were eight, turning nine, when they were filmed last year learning English for Sunday's programme. The message that shines from this sample is how similar and how traditional the teaching of English grammar still seems to be across the COUNTRY.

Most of the children filmed are at state primary schools but, for comparison, one school is Roman Catholic. one Jewish, one a private preparatory school and one is 100 per cent bilingual — all its children are from Asian backgrounds. Yet the lessons are almost interchangeable: most of these children could swap classes and still feel at home with the teaching. Lists of tricky spellings on the blackboard, spelling

books, rules about punctua-

tion and parts of speech and, above all, whole-class tests are features of the teaching. Most of the learning is by heart. The teachers come across as dedicated, no-nonsense women and the children as avid learners and Roald Dahl enthusiasts - all of which belies the current climate of belief that primary schools are hotbeds of relaxed chaos. Annie MacDonald, the coproducer of the Dove Production film, is herself a former primary school teacher. "We found to our surprise that state and private school classes were both dedicated to formal, whole-class teaching with children sitting at desks

other methods." Matthew, in a Liverpool primary, is being asked to define a syllable. His young teacher says: "I have found it

the blackboard. Some teach-

ers have returned to this from

peep into the class-rooms of some of the structure and spelling formally from a blackboard. The only way is to learn it by

heart.' Whereas Matthew was inirially taught to read phonically (C-A-T). Leo who is at a progressive school in Harrow, learnt by word-recognition, putting whole words into a rack to make sentences. But now? His teacher says: "We found it necessary to introduce formal spelling tests because children weren't picking it up."

By contrast Dean, seen reading aloud in a small group in a Cheshire primary, is not given formal spelling lessons. "Spelling is pointed out to them and hopefully they take it on board," his

teacher says.

That would hardly satisfy the parents at Rachel's Jewish school at Barkingside in Redbridge, north-east London, a borough that retains the 11- A plus. "The parents want us to teach spelling formally," her teacher says, "and the child-ren are very keen to know what they have achieved, and what others have achieved."

The same concern for achievement applies in Northern Ireland, which has kept grammar schools and the 11-plus. Joanne takes ten spellings to learn every night at her home in Belfast.

Anwar goes to school in Brick Lane, east London, where 28 out of his class of 29 speak only Bengali at home (the 29th speaks Mandarin). His sister Mumtaz helps him with his reading homework. His teacher, who knows only a few words of Bengali, splits the class into small groups by ability, for reading. "They support each other," she says. "There's always somebody's friend you can ask to translate. Bengali children are very keen to learn. Also, they are brought up to respect their elders, so they are very well disciplined."

Georgia, whose prep school is in Dulwich, south London, is similarly keen: "I do nothing but read, read, read." Like most of the children she puts Dahl among her three favourites, with Quentin Blake and Terence Blacker.

In Paddington, where Ross is taught by a mixture of methods, his single mother has brought in a retired inspector of schools, to coach him two evenings a week. "By "he has reached the drily, "he has read limits of informality."

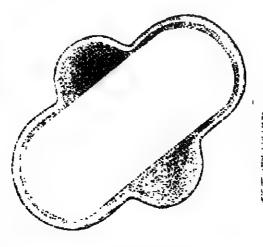
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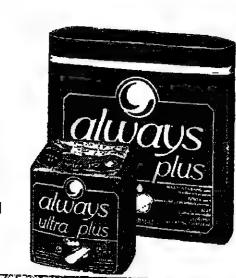
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The inside story

Recent progress in genetic science may lead to a reduction in disease, reports Nigel Hawkes

he advance of genetic knowledge is in danger of telling us more about our elves then we really want to

Hardly a week passes without a new discovery. Last week it was the turn of asthma, with the news from Oxford that an asthma gene may be close to identification. Before that, scientists de-clared that they were pursuing the "Churchill gene" the magic ingredient which, it is surmised, enabled Winston Churchill to survive to a great age in spite of disre-garding virtually every rule of

Thousands of diseases, ranging from the relatively trivial to the life-threatening, are genetically determined. Some are caused by a single faulty gene out of the 100.000 we all carry; others, like cancer or heart disease, are obviously more complex. Some genetic defects are sufficient in themselves to cause diseases, while others only increase the susceptibility to disease. Everyone carries several gene defects which are potentially very damaging; whether they come to light or not depends on whom you marry, and on your lifestyle.

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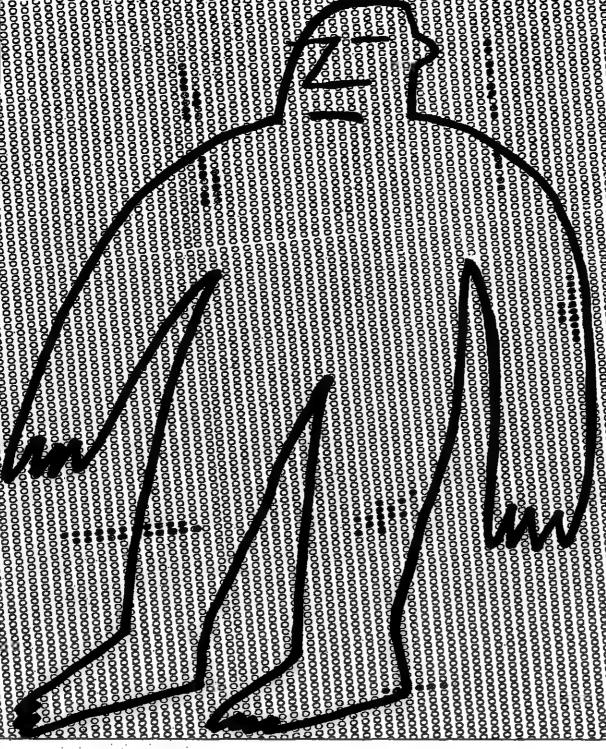
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If a carrier marries another carrier, their children may suffer the full-blown condition. In more complex diseases where inheritance is only part of the picture, a healthy lifestyle may mean that the defect is never given the chance to express itself. The evidence is strong that there is a genetic component in discases like breast or colon cancer, but it is probably the result of several genes rather than just one, and not everybody carrying those genes will develop the diseases. En-

factors are equally or more important in these cases. The first result of the discoveries is to make screening for disease, or susceptibility to disease, much easier. It is possible to screen for cystic fibrosis, for example, by analysing cells from the inner lining of the cheeks, collected by spitting a mouthwash into a test-tube. In the future such simple tests may tell us our chances of contracting, or avoiding, a whole range of conditions in which inheri-

vironment, diet and other

tance plays a part.
Sir David Weatherall, professor of medicine at Oxford University, envisages a future in which we shall all "live by our genes", tailoring our lifestyle to the hand our own



particular genes have dealt us. Of course, if we are unlucky enough to inherit the genes for classic genetic diseases like Huntington's chorea, which leads to dementia and death in middle age, there may be little that changing lifestyle can do to help. The situation is different for diseases that are only partly genetic in origin. Anybody carrying the genes that predispose to cancer or heart disease would be counselled to conform to the rules of healthy eating, while an individual whose genes made them sensitive to hydrocarbons would be well advised not to work in a refinery. If allowed to, insurance companies might use the results of screening to set premiums or to deny cover to poor risks. Sir Walter Bodmer, direc-

tor of the Imperial Cancer

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Research Fund and president of the Human Genome Mapping Organisation, is in no doubt that the tens will have a huge impact on medicine and on the way we lead our lives. "This is the preventive medicine of the future," he says. As an example, he cites the planned trial of a drug. tamoxifen, which many spe-clalists believe could be effect-search Trust are trying to find ive in preventing as well as treating breast cancer.

Sir Walter says: present, women are to be selected for the trial if members of their family have suffered from breast cancer a mother, a sister, an aunt. Obviously it would be much better if we could find specific genetic markers, which would give a stronger indica-tion. Other examples are in bowel cancer and heart disease, and, further off, in mental illnesses like Alrheim er's, depression and

schizophrenia."
Professor Bob Williamson of St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London sees screening as a way of giving people their own personalised healthy living plan. He says: "At the moment, there's simply too much advice about, so people ignore it. But if we can say, look, you are at particular risk of heart disease, you had better take some notice, then people may be prepared to

The way screening is car-

ried out, and its accuracy, is

likely to be critical. In the

which the genetic cause is less

1970s a screening system for the genetic disease sickle cell anaemia was introduced in the US, but went badiy wrong. There was unfair discrimination against healthy people who could no longer

get jobs or insurance. Trials organised by the Medical Research Council out the best way of screening. Dr Tony Jackson, chairman

This is the preventive medicine of the future'

SIR WALTER BODMER

of the trust's Research and Medical Advisory Committee, says: "If we can tell people they are definitely not carriers or that they definitely are, then that's fine. But there are some, about 15 per cent, where we have to give them a statistical probability, and that sets up anxieties. They don't know what to do."

The issue will be even more dear-cut. Women who dis-cover they are carriers of the for diseases like Thalassaemia or cystic fibrosis

told, because it enables them to have the choice of an abortion if their children will turn out to have the condition. But a genetic test that indicated, for example, a one in five chance of a child suffering from schizophrenia might simply create anxiety.
Professor Williamson says
that for diseases that are well-

are usually delighted to be

understood, this danger is much smaller. Studies of French Canadians by Dr Anna Kessing, a colleague of his at St Mary's, have already shown clear genetic differ ences between those at high and low risk of heart disease The French Canadians are a special case, because they derive from a relatively small stock and have a narrow range of genetic variation. But Professor Williamson believes that for common diseases like cancer of the colon, effective screening of the more heterogenous British population may not be far

Screening will be given a great boost if attempts to repair generic defects (see box, below) are successful. Then there will be a clear benefit to set against the fear that genetic knowledge will be used to deny jobs or health insurance. Already parents with children suffering from diseases like cystic fibrosis are anxiously calculating whether gene therapy can come quickly enough to save their

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process of correcting genes that have gone wrong, in order to make the cells of organs function as do with tampering with our inheritance. Human cells come in two

distinct forms. There are the somatic cells which make up the different organs of the. body, each of which contains its own set of genetic instructions which tell it how to behave, which proteins to manufacture, and so on. Any changes made to these cells are not passed on to our children. That would only happen if the changes were made in the germ cells. found in the eggs, sperm, . and early embryo. At present, there is no intention to carry

out gene therapy on germ Sir Walter Bodmer, the president of the Human Genome Mapping Organisation, says: "Most of us believe this is something we shouldn't do because we don't know enough about it." Baroness Warnock, who chaired the committee investigating human embryology

in the early 1980s, agrees,

although she does not rule

fine.
If there was a chance of total-

ly eliminating a disease such as Aids, for example, she thinks the gain might be seen as sufficiently great to outweigh the argument against

For the moment, however. the target is the somatic cells. Within the next few weeks, an experimental treatment is due to begin at the University of Missouri to treat patients suffering from a disorder that leads to early death from heart attacks. The condition is caused by a faulty gene in the liver which makes a defective version of a protein called LDL receptor, responsible for controlling cholesterol levels in the body. The patients will first have 15 per cent of their livers removed, cut into small pieces

and treated with an enzyme to release the liver cells. Then the cells will be exposed to a virus which has been engineered to contain a correct copy of the gene that produces the LDL receptor. The virus will carry the gene into the liver cells, which will then be re-injected back into the patient's liver through a vein. Once they get there, they are

expected to implant and grow, producing the protein that the patients lack. This experiment, recently approved by the US regulatory authorities, is fairly typical of the gene therapy treatments

that might be used for a vari-

ety of conditions. Viruses, which function by invading cells and taking over the genetic mechanisms, appear to be ideal vectors for carrying the genes into place, but a lot of questions remain to be answered. How safe will the procedure be? How can we be sure to get the re-engineered cells to the right part of the right organ, and will they continue to function once in place? If the method works, it may

bone marrow transplants.

Within a decade we can ex-

to cure genetic diseases by

pect to see dozens of attempts

be useful even for diseases that are not genetic in origin. For example, gene therapy might be used to strengthen one without the other. Unfortunately garlic oil products use boiled garlic and contain little or no allicin.

So what can you do? the body's own immune response, and help it to fight off cancer, or Aids. So long as only somatic cells are treated, the method is in principle not very different from procedures such as

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high street as in Harrods, and there is no longer a class division between the wearers of loose-fitting pants, and those who favour Y-fronts or jockey pants. Medical research shows that the choice of style in pants may be important to a man's fertility, for the testes should not be con-

strained, as they are by tight underwear. Nature has so fashioned the male genitalia that when cold the scrotal muscle contracts to hold the testes close to the warm crutch; when hot the muscle relaxes and allows them to hang freely. In this way a constant temperature, fractionally lower than that of the abdomen, is maintained and with it the best environment for sperm development.

journalist visiting this

country observed that a

man's choice of socks

and underpants was ev-

ery bit as revealing as his accent. Today, boxer

shorts are as likely to

have been bought in the

A year or two ago tight underwear was blamed for the increase in the number of cases of cancer of the testes — the incidence has tripled this century. Then epidemiologists pointed out that the increase started 90 years ago, but tight underwear had been popular for only 40 years. Furthermore, in the 18th and 19th centuries, figure-hugging trousers were the rage. The blame was then shifted to the better nourishment of present-day mothers: plump women tend to have higher oestrogen levels which some feel may have a carcinogenic effect on the testes of the unborn male child.

Recently, in his research into the sperm count of modern men, Professor Niels Skakkebaek, of Copenhagen has demonstrated that the average count is only half that of 40

years ago, and that there has also been a **MEDICAL** comparable reduction in quality. Tight under-BRIEFING pants have again been blamed, together with excess alcohol, exposure Dr Thomas to pollutants in general Stuttaford and to poly-chlorinated

biphenyls (PCBs) in particular. The majority of men have more than enough sperm - up to 180 million per ml but if the count falls to 20 million infertility is a distinct possibility. The amount of semen is also important. Intertility only becomes likely if the quantity is less than 1ml. Usually it is between 3ml and 5ml, the contents of a small or large teaspoonful. Sperm quality is equally important. They must be active, swim in a

purposeful way and there should not be more than 40 per cent of abnormal form. Fertility can be marginally improved by keeping the testes cool. Men with a low count should wear boxer pants under trousers cut neither too tight nor too high. Very hot baths, excess alcohol and pot-smoking should be avoided and some doctors advise that the men concerned should not ejaculate more than two or three times a week.

Causes of infertility amenable to surgery need treatment. Mr Roger Kirby, a surgeon at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, said that when the sperm count was low and a varicocoele — a scrotal varicose vein, which keeps the testes too hot, was present - ligation (tying off) of the vein was worthwhile. He has also had success in bypassing blocks, due to previous infections, in the tubes leading from the testes. Other research has shown that pentoxyphylline will stimulate laggardly sperm, while microinjection of the ovum with selected sperm has also been used.

NICK MALAND

Killer cure

THE hazards of arsenical poisoning became all too apparent to the patients of Badhant Rakshar, who has practised as a healer for 27 years. Last week Mr Rakshat, who continued to prescribe arsenic even after the police had warned him that some of his followers had had to be admitted to hospital, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

In the 19th century arsenic, and Mr Rakshat's other sovereign remedy, mercury, were widely prescribed in Britain; but the greater danger to the public came from the Victori-an industrialists rather than from their doctors. By 1880 arsenical pigments were so often used, and so often caused chronic poisoning, that the Medical Society of London issued a long list of items coloured by them. The products ranged from coloured soaps to butchers' la-bels, wallpapers and even

Christmas tree decorations. ing, characterised by a running nose, diarrhoea, vomiting dermatids and nerve damage leading to muscle weakness, was com-mon until 1902, when the colouring agents were out-lawed. The danger persisted in industry and agriculture, in which arsenical sprays were used as insecticides. One survey as late as 1941 showed one apple grower in five had clinical signs of chronic arsenical poisoning.



Hospital handicap

PEOPLE would be wrong in assuming that once in hospital the disabled would be well catered for and that baths would have hand grips, that there would be strategically placed seats in long corridors for those who found the going difficult, and that signs would be clearly printed, to help

those losing their sight. Teams of hospital planners are no better than the rest of society when it comes to catering for the disabled. The Royal College of Physicians, working with the Prince of Wales's advisory group on disability, published a report last month which analyses the standard of care the disabled receive in hospital.

They found that lack of suitable provision cramped the independence of the disabled and increased the workload of nurses.

As a result of the research

the Royal College of Physicians has produced a report, with a foreword by the Prince of Wales, on the needs both physical and emotional of the disabled when in hospital. The report, or charter as it is known, gives guidance on building adaptations, their costs, and on the training of staff in the care of disabled. The report stresses the need for cooperation with the disabled when their welfare and

Last week the number of cases of measles in 1988 was printed as being 200, rather than, as it should have been, 200,000. The campaign to have children inoculated with MMR has reduced the incidence of measles to less than 200 in a week, an achievement of which the medical services are justifiably proud.

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Birth day in the bathroom

Why did Fiona Murphy change her mind about having her baby in hospital?

he temptation started in small, resistible ways. I was nine months pregnant and all set to go into the West London Hospital. Then I read somewhere that it was no more dangerous statistically to give birth at home than in a hospital. Four days later, I had a baby boy - in my bathroom.

I had been afraid to mention my late-flowering obsession until the night of my labour. At 3am, as my husband zipped up my overnight bag. I decided to have the baby at home. It must have seemed an astonishing whim.

We had gone to enormous trouble to devise a formula which would avoid all the pitfalls of my previous, disastrous deliveries. A boot-faced midwife and her student batched my first, on the NHS, leaving me with injuries from which I still have not recovered. I was propelled screeching through my second by an expensive New York obstetrician who was determined not to be late for his appointments that morning. This time, I wanted to have someone I knew and trusted.

In theory the NHS offers deliv-ery on the "Domino Scheme". where smaller teams of midwives get to know the mothers-to-be on a personal basis, but in practice only a tiny number of women can get on to it — at 14 weeks I was already too late. I found a pair of independent midwives - Gwen Attwood and Rachel Lewis - who would deliver me at the West London Hospital in a public ward. For six months, the formula had

seemed the best of all possible worlds. With four days to go, what suddenly became so seductive about having the baby at home?

There is no rational answer. It must be the same instinct as makes a person want to die in their own bed. Everything you have tried to create is around you. Perhaps that gives you strength. Not that it occurred to me at the time. My thoughts were far from cosmic. I would hover around the fridge wondering if I would ever get to eat the mozarella and water cress salad waiting there.

Still. I had not had the courage to mention any of this to my husband until Rachel, our midwife, had been with us for an hour. She was sitting by the bed with her lips pursed, blowing her way through each of my contractions, same as I was. Her smooth oval face and amber eyes were gorgeously lit by my angle-poise lamp. i was entranced.

I thought about the wretched drive in a freezing car, the fun of being able to wake the children up straight after, and not least, the mozarella. Meanwhile my husband was getting me out of bed. I had to persuade him.

There is not much time, between contractions, for impressive rheto-ric, but I did my best with my second-hand statistics, and the excellent record in The Netherlands, where 35 per cent of babies are born at home. I made myself out to be heroically indifferent to the lack of pain relief.

Rachel stayed out of the discussion, except for confidently patting the bag in which she had all the resuscitation equipment that would have been available on a ward. She also explained what we would do if something went seri-ously wrong. Living in central London, we could be rushed to hospital in 30 minutes.

My husband was coming round to the idea. "But what am I going to tell my mother?" he said weakly. I tried in make him pity me. I described being woken by the clatter of squeaking trolleys laden with boiled fish, how they always arrive when you have just fallen asleep. That clinched it for him. Not that he pitied me. He thought he might have to bring my meals to the hospital

There was a flurry of activity in the bathroom. My husband pumped up the inflatable birthing pool I had hired, intending to take it to the hospital, to relieve the pressure on my slipped disc. Rachel dangled scarves over the bright lights and almost recreated the angle-poise effect. It all seemed hilarious. By 5.30am, when I got into the pool, my labour had completely vanished. The two of



Home work: midwife Rachel Lewis (left), with proud mother Fiona Murphy and baby Alexander

em peered at me over the rim. I

felt a complete prat.

At last labour kicked in again, but by this time my husband was incredibly tired. He was falling asleep as he rubbed my back and I kept wondering if he would sud-denly fall into the pool. It was very distracting, so he went off for a nap, remarking on how handy it was to be so near the bed.

As soon as he was gone, Rachel warned me gently that I might be in for a very long haul if I were constantly being distracted in this way. I was keen to produce the baby before my daughter went off to school, so I knuckled down. Rachel was right. It went very quickly then.

My husband woke up and brought the sleepy children in for a second. After that they were

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coralled upstairs with our nanny, who played cartoons very loudly on her television. There were ten more minutes of unbelievable pain and then, joy of joys, my son bobbed up out of the water like a cork at 7.52am.

felt like crowing. I could hardly contain myself. The children and their nanny came in. I was surprised not to be embarrassed by sitting naked in murky water, with a blotchy, purple baby still connected to me. My husband and I phoned our friends and family. People were shocked, appalled. "Was there an ambulance standing by outside?" asked one of my girlfriends. "I didn't know it was allowed," said another. Mostly, after a small silence, they said "You are brave",

to which I replied crisply, "No I'm not. The department of health

When people actually came to the house it was different. They would go into the bathroom and there would be silence for a while. When they came back, I was sure they looked moved. Of course, they might just have been wondering if there would be any signs of mess around, and how we had emptied the pool. But to me, there was a charged atmosphere to the whole house. I am still elated.

A week after my son was born, the House of Commons select mines on health decided that childbirth at home should be available on the NHS to any woman who wants it. For once they are spreading some joy.

Cold-cashing

Many cough and flu medicines do a lot of good — for the people who market them

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ever before has there been such an overdose of cough medicines and cold remedies on the shelves of our pharmacies. Britons spend more than £50 million a year on non-prescription products to treat their winter ailments. However, the seasonal sufferer is as likely to experience the effects of the treatment as symptoms of the illness.

Drugs for symptom relief are symptom exchanges." says Dr Andrew Herxheimer, a clinical pharmacologist and the editor of Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin They may relieve one symptom but they give you

another one and you have to then work out whether it Many of the is worth it."

Dr Herxheimer sums up such sideshivery and un-comfortable and restless or too sleepy or having gooseflesh and hair standing on end - things that you don't actually connect with the stuff and would believe to be part of the illness.

Many of his colleagues go further in their criticism. "I would be frightened of taking some of them," says Dr Joe Collier, a consultant in clinical pharmacology at St George's Hospital, London, "I wouldn't want to take a medicine that makes me sleepy, because I don't want to be made

sleepy."
Dr Collier believes that the proprietary brands of cough, cold and flu medicines have little to offer over generic painkillers such as aspirin, paracetamol and ibuprofen. "A lot of the products we're talking about used to be available on prescription, but they've been dropped, presumably because, like me, the health department feels there's no place for them from the doctor's point of view," Dr Collier says.

Professor Peter Parish, the author of the reference book Medical Treatments, The Benefits and Risks, says: "The only effective cough medicine is a suppressant, but for a dry, irritating cough associated with a cold there is seldom any need to take one. Sucking a sweet — whether medicated or not - will help because it increases the production of saliva

If this fails he suggests avoiding dry atmospheres, stopping smoking, drinking more fluids and using steam inhalation - equally effective whether or not it contains

commercial inhalants. Many of the perceived benefits of cough and cold medicines, according to the experts, stem from their placebo effect. "Soothing cough medicines are part of our folk medicine." Professor Parish says. "But while there is little harm in believing that they work it is important to understand that the preparations are often expensive and much of their cost has gone on advertising."

The fact that

such medicines contain a combination of drugs is also causing correcern. "If they're aiming to treat several symptoms, you may not have all those symptoms and, for each thing you take, there are possible side-eflects," Dr Herxheimer says. The use of cough

and cold medicines without specific pharmaceutical advice can be positively dangerous to those suffering from certain ailments. These include diabetes, asthma or other chronic chest disorders, enlarged prostate glands or any difficulty in passing

kidney or liver disease or an overactive thyroid gland.

There are also the frequently underestimated dangers involved in taking more than one product simultaneously, with the possibility of exceeding the safe dosage of an ingredient such as

urine, any disorder of the heart or

circulation, raised blood pressure,

Dr Herxheimer is against banning the products outright. "I would put them all in plain boxes. just saying what they contain, with a leaflet to enable pharmacists to explain what they are.

"At the moment the ingredients are in small print, and people do not understand them or look at them." he says. "So they buy hot lemon drinks containing paracetamol when just taking paracetamol itself with any drink you have in the house is exactly the

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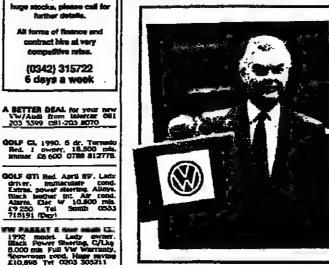
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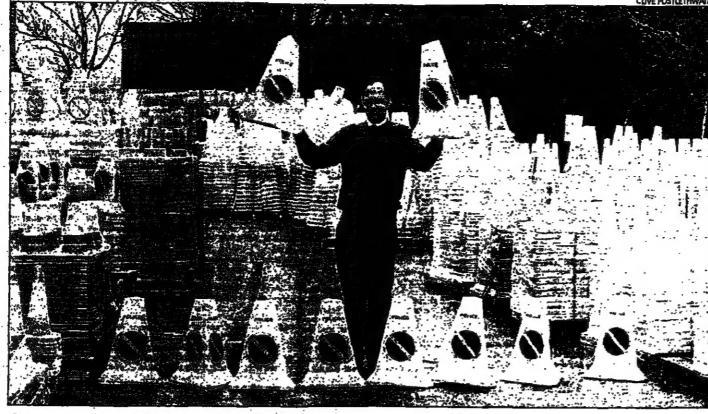
hey stretch from Land's End to John o'Groat's like soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder. Road cones are the bane of the driver's life. No motorway journey can pass without the sight of these red and white sentries guarding miles of roadworks, holes in the ground and, too often it seems, not much at all.

It should come as no surprise then that manufacturing road cones has become one of the nation's fastest-growing businesses, according to David Morgan, who runs Britain's biggest producer, Peter Cook International, at Carterton, Oxfordshire.

The factory turns out a million cones a year, enough to cordon off 250 miles of motorway. Seventy per cent of them are sold in Britain, to the transport department, public utilities and private users wanting to mark their territory. The rest of the world now wants

the British cone. Lines of familiar red and white cones are as likely to be surrounding a pothole in Peking as cordoning off roadworks on a German Autobahn. A Peter Cook shipment of cones leaves for China this week. Kuwait, whose roads were bomb-damaged in the Gulf war, has been a big customer, ordering almost 11,000 cones to cordon off the worst craters.

Inevitably, the biggest market is likely to be the 12-nation European



Cone ranger: David Morgan, who runs Britain's biggest producer of the familiar motorway markers, producing a million a year

Community, particularly as harmonisation regulations will probably adopt the already strict British manufacturing standards. The Carterion manufacturer, with a third of the market, would then become one of the biggest makers

of comes in the EC. As the man who, with a 60strong workforce, makes the cones that slow down the traffic. Mr Morgan does not expect to be popular. He says: "Cones are good business for us. The more roadworks, the better for us, although motorists in jams probably would

Few drivers ponder the technology of manufacturing a cone but the road marker has come a long way since pre-war days when police cordoned off streets with 45-gallon oil drums painted white. They were usually filled with water or concrete

to weight them down. That was fine until an errant car hit one. The car was usually a write-off. Cones are now made of polyure-

thane material, moulded on assembly lines in fewer than four minutes. There is also a recyclable plastic version, particularly acceptble in these environmental times. Weighting is by rubber or sand always rubber for cones going to Scotland because police there dis-

covered that passing drunks were using the cones as weapons. Cones filled with sand were considered too dangerous.

Using the cone for purposes other than those intended emphasises its place in the mythology of British street life. The cone is not just a piece of road furniture but has also become a trophy that is stolen during street demonstrations or by angry motorists. Mr Morgan

says that replacing cones that disappear every day is a big part of the order book.

A third of the 3,000 cones ordered by the Metropolitan Police for last year's Notting Hill Carnival in west London went strangely missing and nobody knows where

BT is Peter Cook International's biggest customer, getting through 50,000 cones annually. Even police remove a few cones from neighbouring forces, and this has led to marking of cones with constabulary names to prevent absent-minded interchange.

How much more can Mr Morgan's company grow when the roads seem to be overflowing with cones? Mr Morgan says there is plenty of scope for expansion. The next move is into "designer cones". More than 4,000 were supplied for Bastille Day celebrations in France. decoratively trimmed in red, white

Others due to appear this year will be customised to mark out the London Marathon route and the RAC Rally and to organise parking at important football matches. Mr Morgan's deverest market-

ing strategy, however, has been to target an industry that never suffers recession, the funeral trade. Funeral directors apparently have difficulty in parking their hearses and limousines because

people ignore conventional red and white cones. The answer has been to provide new cones trimmed in black and bearing the word "funeral".

A mailshot to the nation's funeral parlours has brought orders for 1,500 cones, underlining Mr Morgan's belief that his is a business that will not be easily killed off, whatever the state of the economy.

ROADWISE

More on the map

TRAFFICMASTER, Britain's first operational in-car navigation system, has had the go-ahead from the transport department to extend its coverage. An 18-month Trafficmaster pilot scheme has been used to warn drivers of jams on the M25. M1 and other motorways within 35 miles of London. The company is to cover Birmingham. Bristol and the Channel ports by the end of this year and to the North-West by 1994.

Rave notice

THE organisers of the new "auto rave" events promise they will be "more fun than sorting out the sock drawer" when they start in Birmingham later this month. The idea is to liven up the traditional lines of classic cars with rock 'n' roll presentations, including live music. The first show is Volks World on the weekend of March 28, followed by the American Classic Car Show on April 24 and 25, and the International Custom Car Show on April 18, 19 and 20. All events are at the Rex Centre, Birmingham.

Loyal 3,000

THE RAC, Britain's oldest motoring organisation, has had 3,000 drivers as members for 50 years or more. As a reward for staying with the organisation for almost two-thirds of its 95 years, the loyal drivers will be given honorary membership and commemorative plaques featuring a classic grille badge from the RAC's early years.

Looking lively

AMERICAN car makers have struggled to liven up sales to Japan but in one area they reign supreme - in providing hearses, William Stevenson, who runs an international mortuary in Tokyo, discovered the Japanese taste for small, neat road cars was abandoned in death. Instead, the Japanese want shiny, black Cadillacs up to 8ft longer than the biggest Toyota and costing as much as \$140,000 (about £82,000).



British drivers still pay a high price

DRIVERS rubbed their hands when the Budget lopped \$400 off the price of the average car, but the news baffled one group of motorists who wonder why we pay so much, Kevin Eason writes.

Americans and expatriate Brit-ons living in the United States cannot understand why prices in Europe are so high. In a nation where the consumer is king, car prices are remarkably cut-throat by British standards.

Consider this example: a 1992 Ford Escort LX five-door with 1.9litre, fuel-injected engine, power

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mirror control, automatic gearbox, stereo system and air-conditioning all as standard and on sale at Koons Ford, of Falls Church, Virginia, at \$9,495. That is £5,585. Even though Ford in Britain this week announced reductions worth up to £750 in addition to the government's 5 per cent car tax reductions, that price is not

achievable here. Readers who have been to the US on holiday or business come back furning at the seeming injus-tice. Bryan Jackson, a reader now living in Virginia, wrote to me:

ming-like attitude in being willing to part with their money for vastly overpriced products."

Mr Jackson also points out that British "extra equipment", such as automatic transmission, air-conditioning and driver's side safety airbags are regarded as standard on most American cars.

The British economy, however, is laden with high overheads and taxes and is geared to a market in which only 1.7 million cars will be sold this year, whereas in the US ten million or more new cars will be rolled out of showrooms. Economy of scale is one bonus, but lower

sales taxes also make a big

Even with this week's tax cut, British buyers pay 5 per cent special tax on the wholesale price of a car and 17.5 per cent VAT. In Virginia, Mr Jackson found a

Toyota Corolla GL five-door at \$9,392, with a local sales tax of 4.5 per cent. The final price was \$9,814 or £5,772. In Britain, the equivalent retails at about £10,000. In Europe costs are higher. In the land where petrol is 70p for an American gallon and a bottle of gin costs £3, car prices naturally fall

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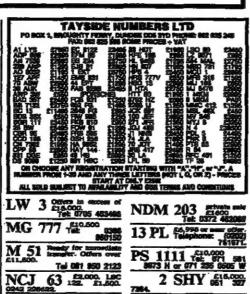
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To ascertain liability to tax on chargeable gains the consid-eration given on the sale of companies having substantial tax lesses was not to include any amount in respect of guarantees given to ensure payment by these companies to the vendor of deferred sums to be quantified by reference to a percentage of the evailable losses.

M: Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing the Crown's appeal from the determination of a single special commissioner, Mr D. A. Shirley, that had allowed an appeal against an assessment to comparation tax on the taxpaver mated profits of £1.5 million for as accomming period from March 15. to December 31. 1977.

In December 1977 Vedlynn sold shares in eight of its subsid-iary companies to Minden Securiis the larger market value of the companies which had substantial mothing else.

for tax purposes.

The textus of the sale agree-

ments included Minden's guar-antees hacked by Lazards, for the right to a supplemental sum to be paid by each of the eight com-panies to Vedlynn equal to 7½ per cent of their allowable capital In December 1979 the companies' capital losses were agreed at some £19.5 million. The

supplemental sums were duly paid to Vedlynn and no call was ever made on Minden or Lazards under their respective guarantees. Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown; Mr David Milne, QC and

Mr Jeremy Woolf for Vedlynn. MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that the parties had agreed to a delay of the hearing to await the outcine of Shepherd v Lyntress (1989) STC 617), that the fiscal muliny principles laid down in Ramsay (W. T.) Ltd v IRC ([1982] AC 300) did not apply to such

For Vedlynn it was argued that it was: £19,529 being the current market value of the eight companies. For the Crown it was argued that account had to be taken of the guarantees by Minden and Lazards in respect of obligations owed to Vedlynn to pay the deferred consideration. The relevant consideration, it was said, in computing Vedlynn's chargeable gain was the £19,529

and the guarantees. that the guarantees did form part of the consideration but held that they did not add value to the monetary consideration given by Minden in the circumstances of the case. He concluded that the relevant consideration was the market value of the eight com-panies in December 1977, namely £19,529.

Mr Carnwath argued, however.

that that did not conclude the matter: the guarantees were part of the consideration and there had to be a value to them. That value, he said, was the difference between a wholly secured obliga-tion to pay the deferred sums and a wholly unsecured obligation to pay them by companies that were without realiseable assers.

uncertainties involved in such a valuation but, relying on O'Brien v Bensons Hosiery Ltd ([1980] AC 562), contended that they were no greater than were inherent in many forms of valuation.

However, the commissi was entirely entitled to conclude that the guarantees were no more than terms of the sale agreements and that no separate and additional monetary value was to be nlaced on them. The commissioner went on to

decide in favour of Vetilynn that if the guarantees had to be taken into account as part of the consideration, they constituted consideration that could not be valued within the meaning of vanies which he bearing of section 22(4) of the Finance Act 1965, now section 19(3) of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979. That being so, he concluded that one was left with the market value of the shares, namely £19,529.

Without there being any prima facie case made our that the gustanties had some separate moticary value or were capable of valuation, the commissioner was utitied to conclude as he did and to apply section 22(4).

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Maximum journey time not specified

Worcester City Council Ex Before Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment February [0]

A statement of the special educa-tional needs of a child with tearning difficulties, made under section 7(1) of the Education Act 1981, which included the pro-vision of transport between school and home was not deficient in lailing to specify a maximum time

for the journey. Mr Justice McCullough so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an application on bereview of a statement of special educational needs issued by Her-Mr Philip Engelman for the applicant: Mr John Cavanagh for

MR JUSTICE MCCULLOUGH said that the applicant, aged five, had Down's Syndrome and severe learning difficulties. He was taken to school in a mini-bus each day and because of his condition he had to be strapped in all the time. The regulation 10(1)(c) of the Education (Special Educational

(Special Educational Needs (Amendment) Regulations (SI 1990 No 1524) gave a local education authority a discretion as to whether or not a particular non-educational provision should be made available by the LEA

But the LEA had no discretion if it was for some other reason aiready under a duty to make available the provision in

It was implicit in section \$5(1) of the Education Act 1944 that the LEA was under a duty to make such arrangements as it consid-

ered necessary for a child to reach school without undue stress, strain or difficulty such as would prevent him from benefiting from the education, just as it had nearly make such arrangements as it considered necessary for him to travel in safety and in reasonable

Non-stressful transport was therefore a non-educational provision which had to be specified in the statement of special educa-

However, the regulations did not require that the statement should spell out in terms that the Mr J. W. Renney, Worcester.

transport had to be non-stressful transport. It could not have been intended

special educational needs had to be used to set out the full terms and conditions under which the non-educational provision was to be made available. It had to be sufficient if the general nature of the provision was specified.

There was no obligation to specify a maximum duration of the journey in Part V of a statement of special educational

Bailor has to account to bailee after settlement

O'Sullivan and Another v Justice Fox, Lord Justice

There could not be separate claims by a hailor and a bailer araising from loss or damage to the chantel balled. If the ballor recovered damages from a defen-dant and the ballee had some interest in the property enforce-able against the bailor, then the bailer had to account appro-pristely to the ballee.

The Court of Appeni (Lord

Staughton and Lord Justice Bel-dam) so held on March 6 when allowing the appeal of the defen-dant. Morris Williams, against the judgment of Judge Alan de Piro, QC, on October 22, 1990, at Prot. Qt., on October 22, 1990, at Coverity County Count when he gave judgment in favour of the bailer, the second plaintiff, Linda McCann., for \$400 plus interest for damages for loss of the use of a motor car owned by the bailor, the first plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the first plaintiff had seed the defendant and the proceedings been brought and settled by the ballor, that put an end to any further claim by the second plain-

If the bailor recovered damages and the ballee had some interest in the property enforceable against the ballor then the ballor had to account appropriately to the ballee.

Flexibility desirable for justice

Boyle v Ford Motor Co Ltd Melia v Same Porter v Same

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Farquharson

Liudement March 41 While the court should ensure that delay in bringing cases to trial was avoided where possible, it should apply rules designed to

achieve that goal with some flexibility, since justice might be deleated if it were administered on the basis of partially prepared The Court of Appeal so stated allowing the defendants' applica-

appeals from Judge Lachs string at Liverpool County Court who, affirming the decision of the district judge, had refused their applications for postponements of the dates fixed for the hearing of the plaintiffs' claims for damages for industrial deafness, and had ordered that the cases brought by Mr James Boyle, Mr John Porter and Mr William Wallace were to

and Mr William Wallace were to be heard in the week beginning March 9, 1992, and the case of Mr John Melia in the week of April 20, 1992.

The applications, which were not opposed by the plaintiffs, were made on the ground that the defendants were not ready for trial since their experts had not had an opportunity to inspect the relevant size.

Mr Ronald Livesey, QC and Mr Charles Feeny for the defendants; the plaintiffs did not appear and were not represented.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in recent years many initiatives had had to be taken to reduce the law's delays including a degree of case management by the courts themselves. That was one of the principal recommendations of the Civil Justice Review Body and Liverpool County Court, one of the busiest in the country, had been in the van in seeking to give

been in the van in seeking to give effect to that recommendation by a local practice direction. [See Langley v NW Water Authority [The Times April 9, 1991; [1991] I WLR 697]]

One of the purposes was to ensure that immediately on the issue of proceedings the parties had a clear timetable including and leading up to a date for trial to which they could work in preparing their cases, thus avoiding the need for seeking postponements. That was known as the deadline listing system.

deadline listing system.

Another was to achieve a continuous hearing of cases with-out any adjournment which could be achieved only if the court could how long they were likely to last. Yet another was to ensure that

the particulars of claim and the defence included all allegations of fact relevant to a particular type of claim thus obviating the expense and waste of time involved in amendments or applications for further and better particulars.

The local direction currently in

force, from November 1991, made special provision for indusmain special provision for incon-mial deafness cases, and inter-alla, provided for the application of a deadline listing system such that on the issue of proceedings the cases would be allocated a hearing week which would be the next available week between 70 and 75 weeks from the date of issue of proceedings.

The essential problem was that there were too many industrial deafness cases chasing too few experts. However, the plaintiffs had now been able to assemble their evidence and on the hearing before the Court of America, their evidence and on the hearing before the Court of Appeal the defendants had been able to inform the court that a representative of their engineering staff had been present at the inspection which took place, although it had not yet been possible for the two experts to go through the process of agreeing their reports. In the light of that the defendants now sought a new trial date after the sought a new trial date after the

sought a new trait date after the expiry of one month.

The judge had said that since earlier applications for postponements had been granted, the further delays sought were wrong and defeated the purpose and rationale of the practice direction, namely that delay could impede justice and that there should be riconaus control over analizations.

exceptional circumstances.
His Lordship entirely agreed with the expressed rationale of the practice direction. But justice could also be impeded and indeed defeated if it were administered on the basis of partially prepared cases. The task confronti court was by rigorous control to ensure that there were no avoid-

able delays. The delay involved in postpo ing a hearing date was quite unavoidable if the court were satisfied that in its absence ju could not be done. That was a different question from that of why such an unavoidable delay had arisen. If it were due to a failure by one of the parties or their legal advisers, appropriate orders for costs should be made.

wary of allowing a situation to develop in which both parties' solicitors habitually acting against each other dev cosy relationship in which each, for his own purposes, supported applications by the other for extensions of the times laid down extensions of the times laid down by the practice direction or for postponements in the dates of hearings. Should that happen, both might forfeit their right to payment of some or all of their professional lees. His Lordship emphasised that that was not suggested in the present cases. On the materials available, he did not feel able to hold that the defendants should have been ready for trial.

noid that the defendants should have been ready for trial.

He would allow the applications and the appeals but would be extremely sorry if doing so were in any way to defeat the admirable purpose of the local practice direction which he

know well in advance when cases to vacue hearings date save in trusted would remain in full force. Would be ready for hearing and exceptional circumstances. His Lordship hoped that the district judges and judges of the Liverpool County Court would maintain a healthy scepticism when faced with applications to postpone hearing dates, whether or not they were agreed

Nevertheless each case had to be examined on its own ments and two questions answered: 1 Was it really possible to do justice if the date for hearing was

maintained? If the answer was or might be in the negative, the date 2 If the date could not be maintained, had that situation arisen as a result of some failure by one of the parties or their legal advisers loyally to seek to meet the timetable laid down? If the answer were in the affirmative, an appropriate special order for costs should be made.

In that way, strict discipline and, in particular, professional discipline would be maintained consistently with the primary objective which was the speedy but proper administration of jus-

The local practice direction was admirable but had to be applied with an appropriate degree of flexibility if justice were not only to be done but seen to be done. In the present cases it was applied a

shade too rigidly. His Lordship would remit the cases, except that of Mr Melia, to the county court for new hearing dates to be fixed not earlier than 28 days from March 4.

Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Farguharson agreed. Solicitors: Hill Dickinson Davis

Jury direction correct

Regina v Rushworth Before Lord Justice Mann. Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice

[Judgment February 28] In a case of unlawful wounding, contrary to section 20 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861, it was correct to direct the jury that a defendant was acting maliciously if he was acting deliberately and was aware that some physical harm might, not would,

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by Gary Alan Rushworth against conviction in March 1991 at Leeds Crown Court (Judge Taylor and a jury) of unlawful wounding.

Mr David Mitchell, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr

Malcolm Newman for the Crown. LORD JUSTICE MANN, giv-LORD JUSTICE MANN, giving the judgment of the court,
said that the appellant's case was
that he had been seeking to excite
the complainant sexually by the
use of a vibraior and in doing so
had lost his balance and thereby
caused the injury.

The circumstances plainly remind a clear disertion on the

quired a clear direction on the evidence necessary to establish unlawful wounding. The judge's direction: "What is

meant by the word 'maliciously' in this context is that the defendant this context is that the defendant was acting deliberately and was aware some physical harm might result from his actions" was almost certainly taken from the judgment of Lord Justice Diplock in R v Mowatt [1968] I QB 421).

The sole and short ground of appeal was that the use of the word "might" rather than the

word "would" was a fatal flaw. The decision in Mowalt was one of many considered by the House of Lords in DPP v Parmenter [[1991] 3 WLR 914, 939) where Lord Ackner had said: "It is enough that he should have foreseen that some physical harm" to some person, albeit of a minor character, might result."

The Court of Appeal took the view that Lord Justice Diplock's opinion, as expressed in Mowatt, was thereby endorsed in the House of Lords. However, the headnote Parmenter could cause difficulty to someone who did not read the speech of Lord Ackner. It followed that the trial judge was entirely right to direct the jury, as he did, in terms of "might" or "may" and he would have been wrong if had employed

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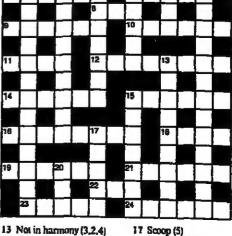
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BBC 1

6.00 Ceetax (7126936)

6.15 Faces of Islam British Muslims talk about the holy month of Ramadan (r) (7227619) 6.30 Breakfast News (57843874) 9.05 Kilroy Topical debate with Robert Kilroy-Silk (9971435) 9.50 Hot Chefs Paul and Jeanne Rankin prepare white chocolate and

hazelnut cheesecake (9944771) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (8868481) 10.05 Playdays (s) (\$434706) 10.25 Poddington Pags. Cartoon (f) (8878868) 10.35 No Kidding Final of the family quz (s) (9494435) 11.00 News, regional news and weather (4178435) 11.05 People Today

Special Live coverage of the opening service at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone in Milton Keynes, Britain's first mterdenominational church, in the presence of the Queen. Including at 12.00 News, regional news and weather (9496832), 12.20 Pebble Mill (s) (2520503) 12.55 Regional news and weather (60152787) 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (91139)

1,30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (50076987) 1.50 Film: Nobody Runs Forever (1968). Daft and cliched thriller starring Rod Taylor as an Australian detective sent to London to arrest high commissioner Christopher Plummer for murdering his wife. Directed by Ralph Thomas (26639416)

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3.30 Cartoon Double Bill (4404955)
3.50 Children's BBC: Bitsel Recycling household lunk (s) (6393139)
4.05 Against the Storm Haluk Bilginer reads the last in a five-part story by Gaye Hicylimaz for Jackanory (s) (5077145) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed Cartoon (r) (4717665) 4.30 Hangar 17. Music and cornedy (s) (9424941) 4.55 Newsround Extra: Tim's Story, Drama-documentary about Childline, the telephone helptine for children (5174787) 5.10 Grange Hill. Last in the series of the school drama (Ceefax) (s) (2683491)
5.35 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (947690), Northern Ireland: Inside Uister 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (435)

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6.30 Regional News Magazines (787). Northern Ireland: Neighbours ir\ (Ceetax)

7.00 Wogan Among Tony's guests is the pop singer Yazz (949435) 7.35 Harry and the Hendersons. (Ceelax) (s) (241674) 8.00 In Sickness and in Health, Nore rantings from Warren Mitchell as the bicoled senior citizen (9348)

8.30 Caught in the Act. Shane Richie introduces candid home videos. Cec(ax) (s) (5955) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and Weather (34177)

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9.50 Film: Educating Rita (1983)

CHOICE: Willy Russell's story of an unlettered Liverpool hardresser and her drunken Open University tutor is offered as part of the EBC contribution to Adult Learners' Week. Educating Allo began as a play and remains essentially a two-hander, despite the obligation "opening out" on the way from stage to screen. As such it leans heavily on Russell's sharp-edged dialogue and the excellent central performances. Michael Caine plays the seedy.

excellent central performances. Michael Carne plays the seedy, middle-aged professor and Julie Walters, in her first film role, is the working-class grit trying to swap Harold Robbins for Chekhov. There is a Pygmalion-like flavour to their exchanges, except that the Carne character is hardly the suave Professor Higgins. The film was an unexpected hit for its veteran director, Lewis Gilbert, who want on to him Russea's Shirley Valentine. (Ceelax) (754459). Northern Iretand: Sessions from the Seventies (191139); 10.20 Sportscene (725868); 10.45 Second Chance (750508); 11.00 Film: Efficienting 8/12 (255771). Educating Rita (255771 cond Chance Redundant craftsmen learn how to run their own

g'assmaking co-operative (Ceelax) (902597) 11.55 Film: Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives (1986). Tasteles addition to the summer camp horror cycle. Psychotic killer Jason Varhecs rises from the dead to commit further murder and mayhem Starring Thom Mathews and C.J. Graham. Directed by Tom McLoughlin (c) (362400) 1.28 Weather



Top of the class: Michael Caine and Julie Walters (9.50pm)

BBC 2

6.45 Open University. Poetry: Language and History (3469077). Ends

8.00 News (9628058) 8.15 Westminster (8615226) 9.00 Daytime on Two: Franca Français (r) (1889690) 9.15 Teaching Today (895787) 9.45 Watch (r) (4805042) 10.00 Look and Read (r) 1009 (855787) 9.45 Watch (f) (485042) 10.00 Lock and Head (f) (8433077) 10.20 Around Scotland (f) (9049684) 10.40 Into Music (f) (6) (6936819) 11.00 Diez Temas (f) (9014868) 11.15 English Express (f) (3096503), Northern Ireland: Ulster in Focus (f) 11.35 TV6 (f) (a) (7733503) 12.00 English File (94923) 12.30 Scens (22936) 1.00 The Brunel Experience (f) (99458058) 1.20 Green Claws (f) (71080684) 1.35 Pinny's House (f) (68499706) 1.40 English Time (f) (0992040)

English Time (r) (99822049) 2.00 News and weather (74262690); Words and Pictures (r)

2.15 Weekend Outlook. Open University preview (74189313) Weekend Outlook. Open University preview (74189313)
 Sport on Friday, with Helen Rollason. Golf: The Doral Ryder Golf Classic; Football: FA Cup quarter-finals review, Racing: Review of the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival (2921139). Including at 3.00 and 3.50 News and weather (4471597)
 Catchword. Paul Coia hosts the word game (s) (400)
 Seabrook's Year: Summer, Shepherd Richard Seabrook takes his lambs to the July sales (r) (684)
 Question of Sport (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1706)
 Top Gear. The latest French sports cars (r) (936)
 Thunderbirds. Puppet adventure saries (r). (Ceefax) (749077)
 Dr Who: The Sea Devilla. Jon Pertwee stars as the Doctor in the second of a six-pert adventure (r). (Ceefax) (209503)

second of a six-part adventure (r). (Ceefax) (209503).

7.15 100 Par Cent. The magazine for teenagers talks to juvenile offenders, and looks at unusual modes of transport (s) (668058).

8.00 Public Eye: The Disappearing Motor Show

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should open on the Costa del Sci but do not adjust your sets. Not only are cars stolen at an alarming rate in this country but many thousands of them end up overseas. Martin Bashir's report on the alternative car industry tries to get behind the statistics and show how the scams are done. The simple one is ringing, or changing a car's identity by switching the Identification numbers. The more ambitious variant is to weld the front of one car on to the back of another. Either way the innocant buyer loses. Stolen cars can be confiscated with no compensation. What can be done to stop it? Precious little, it seems, unless more police forces are prepared to set up stolen vehicle squads manned by excepts who can tell a

set up stolen vehicle squads manned by experts who can tell a ringer from the real thing (9990)

8.30 Gardeners' World. A guide to hardy annuals, the nocturnal habits of aromatic plants, and the latest gardening books (3597)

9.00 Victoria Wood — as Seen on TV. The 1985 showcase for the talented comedienne. With Julie Walters and Celia kmile (r) (3418)



Self-portrait: controversial German artist Otto Dix (9.30pm) 9.30 Arena: Otto Dix - A Tale of Two Germanies. A profile of the

9.30 Arena: Otto Dix — A Tale of Two Germanies. A profile of the controversial German painter, whose paintings were burned by the Nazis as being degenerate and who faced the courts on charges of obscenity. As Germany redefines its geographic and cultural boundaries, Arena examines the artist as a unifying figure (73972).
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (1244705).
11.25 What the Papers Say with Jane Thynne of the Delly Telegrapt: (166868). Wales: Wales in Westminster; 11.45 What the Papers Say 11.40 Scruttiny (835705). 12.10am Weather (7164004).
12.15am Film: La Maschera (1988). Flamboyent costume drama starring Michael Meloney and Helens Bonham-Carter. An Italian nobleman dons a series of disguises to court an actress. Directed by Fiorella Infescells. In Italian with English subfittes (7707849). Ends at 1.40

ITV

6.00 TV-am (3596435)

9.25 Lucky Ladders (s) (9051771) 9.55 Themes News (6096058)

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10.00 The Time . . . The Piace . . . Topical discussion (6545435)
10.40 This Morning (4234752), including 10.55 ITN News headlines
11.55 Thames News
12.10 Rainbow. The early learning series visits Spain (9137110)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler.
(Oracle) Weather (7516752) 1.10 Thames News (77986955)
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (63559771)
1.50 A Country Practice (s) (96782771)

2.20 Highway to Heavert Heavy Date. American drama series (7084752) 3.15 ITN News headlines (3598145) 3.20 Thames News headlines (3595058) 3.25 The Young Doctors (8896110) 3.55 Children's ITV: The Astroduck. Cartoon (r) (4467394) 4.05 Tiny Toon Adventures. Animation (5767771) 4.25 Truckers. Cartoon adventure series (5082077) 4.40 Spatz: Tanno Cornects drama

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5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (752139) 5.55 Crime Monthly Preview (344400)
6.00 6 O'Clock Live. The actress Jessica Tandy talks about her new film, Fried Green Tomatoes (467961) 6.55 The Day (654684)
7.00 The Help Squad. Michael Parkinson, Annabel Gilea, Chris Donat and Jan Rowland strive to solve viewers' troubles (2868)
7.30 Commation Street. (Oracle) (139) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (139)



Burgled: Nichola McAuliffe surveys the damage (8.00pm)

8.00 Surgical Spirit: The Fence. Lively medical comedy. Sheila (Nichola McAuliffe) is burgled and discovers her stolen possessions at the hospital. With Duncan Preston and Marji Campi. (Oracle) (416)
8.30 Second Thoughts: Come as You Were. Perceptive cornedy

about a couple contemplating marriage for the second time. Bill and Faith attend the office party. Starring James Bolam and Lynda and Farn attend the onice party. Starring James Bolem and Lynda Bellingham. (Oracle) (s) (3333)

9.00 Growing Rich. Part three of Fay Weldon's devilish fantasy drama about the ill-fated lives of three girls. The Driver returns for Carmen. Starring Martin Kemp., Rosalind Bernett, Claire Hackett and Caroline Harker. (Oracle) (s) (8348)

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (44428) 10.30 LWT News and weather (314503)

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10.35 The Day (313874)
10.40 Crime Monthly introduced by Paul Ross. A murder hunt is launched after a man finds his wife drowned in the bath; and there is an item on the Metropolitan Police dog handlers (8372481)
11.45 Diai Midnight. Anastasia Cooke and Samantha Norman host the phone-in show, and invite viewers to take part by ringing the dating service, competitions, celebrities and resident psychic Susan King, including a discussion on plastic surgery (440232)
1.05 The James Whale Radio Show. Abrasive humour with the radio talk show host (s) (249375) 2.05 Get Stuffed (7727827)
2.10 American Gladistors. Physical and intellectual combat (s) (5538004) 3.00 Get Stuffed (20027004)
3.10 ChernAttractions. Charlie Tuns presents the latest film news from the United States (37561820)
3.40 Raw Power. Rock music video show (s) (6540849)
4.36 Garrison's Gorillas: War and Crime. American second world war drams. The Gorillas make their first trip back to New York (6137580)

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (53269). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Channel 4 Daily (3594077) 9.25 Schools (54981787) 12.09 The Parliament Programm ne presented by Sarsh Bexter, who is joined by Sir Robin Day (98481)

12.30 Business Daily. News from the City (13232)

1.00 Sesame Street. Today's guest is the tap dancer Savion Glover

(1076/)

2.00 Film: Dive Bomber (1941, b/w). Middling second world war flag
waver redeemed by speciacular flying sequences. Emol Flying
plays a flight surgeon trying to eliminate pâlot blackout. Directed by
Michael Curtiz. (Teletext) (789706)

4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game (s) (752)
5.00 Cutting Edge: Benenden. Documentary about one of Britain's most privileged girls' schools which for fees of £10,000 a year most privileged girls' schools which for fees of £10,000 a year boasts day pigeon shooting and lacrosse on the curriculum (r) 6.00 Happy Days: Fonzie's Funeral. Nostalgic American comedy

series set in the 1950s (r). (Teletext) (145) series set in the 1950s (f), (1eletext) (145)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross (s) (597)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (498771)
7.50 Piret Reaction. Tom Sutcliffe, The Guardian's opera correspondent, on party political anthems (699665)
8.00 Brookside. Merseyalde soap. (Teletext) (s) (2058)



Paper chase: a hard sell for the London homeless (8.30pm)

8.30 Short Stories: The Big Issue

CHOICE: The sales patter is sometimes deliciously surreal.

"President Bush fell over because he didn't get this," says a man on a London street corner trying to interest passers-by in The Big Issue, a newspaper for the homeless. Like his fellow salesmen, the sender is hipself homeless. Sollers keen 4(h of the 500 cover Issue, a newspaper for the homeless. Like his fellow salesmen, the vendor is himself homeless Sellers keep 40p of the 50p cover price and it can make them up to £200 a week. Based on an idea from the United States, the paper was started in the autumn by the Body Shop. Sellers are schooled in the most effective patter and told not to drink or take drugs. Street selling is dangerous and on New Year's Eve a vendor was murdered. There are disputes over pitches. The Body Shop's support is soon to run out and the paper is strengther to find educations. is struggling to find advertisers. But John Bird, the editor, remains builish. Viv Taylor Gee's film admirably captures the flavour of a

bold social initiative (8665)

9.00 Cheers: One Hugs, The Other Doesn't. Slick American cornedy series set in a Boston bar. Starring Ted Danson and Kirstle Alley.

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9.30 Flowering Passions: The insiders. Anna Pavord learns how professional gardeners grow house plants, and how dried flowers can add a new dimension to gardening, and cooking (r). (Teletext)

10.00 Roseanne: Take My Bike, Please. Sharp-witted comedy series starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. Roseanne and Dan-enter the motorcycle business. (Teletext) (s) (99110) 10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? Clive Anderson umpires the improvisation show from New York (88058)

11.00 The Word. Terry Christian, Katie Puckrik and Deni Behr are joined by the actor Antonio Banderas, who appeared in In Bed with Madanna, the comedienne Sendra Bernhard, and the tennis player Monica Seles (s) (94225)

12.00 Film: Under the Cherry Moon (1986, b/w). The Rock the Box sesson continues with the first showing on network television of a

musical romance starring Prince, who also directs. In a sequel to Purple Rain, the diminutive rock singer plays a rightclub planist who falls in love with an heiress on the French Riviera. With Steven Berkoff, Francesca Arais and Kristin Scott-Thomas (s) (906191) 1.50 Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (s) (8631511). Ends at 2.20

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RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour to 7.00pm 6.00em World Service. World News: 5.09 News about Britain, 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Montag. Educon 9.00 For Schoots, Topic Resources 9.11, 9.15 English 9.11; 9.35 Mustic 8.00, 9.45 Something to Think About: 10.00 Music Workshop 10.25 1.2.3.4.5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Caribbean Magazine 1.00 News Updaze 1.15 1.2.3.4.5 1.30 Fish Service. Global Cancerns, 2.45 International Money Programme: 3.05 Cultion; 9.30 Focus on Faith, 4.05 Network UK 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 Addit and the One-Eyed Monkey 7.20 Stage 5. Derren Day Hosts a Uk-wide search for talent in schools 8.00 Multitrack 1 8.30 Vibe-Line 9.30 They Trank it is AS Over Desmand Lynam referees a completely different kind of sports que; 10.15 Rese

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3.05 Haydn and Blendelasohn:
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plays Haydn (Trio in C., HXV
27); Mendelasohn (Piano Tine
No 1 in D minor, Op 43) (r)
3.20 Youth Orchestras of the
World National Youth
Orchestra of Spein performs
Nelsen (Flute Concertor James
Mortin, flute, under Edmon
Colomer), Javer Danas
(Vicmar), Ravel (Daphne et
Chiok, Suite No 2, under Juan
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5.00 Meinly for Pleasure, with Fitz Speci 6.30 The Honkeytonic Men: in the third of five programmes, Francis Wilford Smith examples the construct of the

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4.45 Short Story: The Paradise
Hotel by Michael Carson
Read by Irene Sulcliffe and

Ann Windsor (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55

Weather
5.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin
takes a look at a new police
helicopter — seen but not

RADIO 3

6.55 Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Ravel (Altorada del gracioso), Corelli (Concerto grosso in C minor. Op 6 No 3), Vaughen Williams (Te Deum in G)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert cone:
Rechmeninov (Variations on a theme by Corelli). Schumann (Symphony No 1 in 8 flat, Second

(Symphony No 1 in 8 flat, Spring)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Weeks
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Mendelssohn (Overture for wind band, Op 24, LSO under Claudio Abbado), Bach, air Kempff (Jesu, joy of man's desiring), Poul Ruders (Oriferencias), Mozari (Adagio & Fugue in C. minor, K. 546), Bach (Prelude and Fugue in C., Book 1), Julian Yu (Reclaimed Prefu 2), Beethoven (Ouartet in F. air from Panio Sonata, Op 14 No 1), Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3).

(Brandenburg Concerto No 3). Jonathan Lloyd (Marching to a different song, first UK broadcast): Bach, arr Grainger (Birthe Belts) 11,20 BBC Symphony Orchestre, under Colin Davis_Tippett under Coim Davis Tippett
(Triple Concerto), Schulbert
(Mass in E tlat) (r)

1.00pm News

1.05 Chamber Music from
Matichester Peter Noke and
Helen Krizos, play
Roger (Introduction,
Passacagla & Fugue, Op 95),
Debussy (Six Epigraphes
antiques), Ravel (La Valse)

2.05 Soundings.

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reappraisal of Vaughan Williams is unusually economical with its musical quotations. The compensations are that it leaves us trinsting to hear the works as a whole (particularly The Pignin's Progress and Fen Blake Songs), while allowing its roster of distinguished contributors—they policied the commons is

mezzo, performs Webern (Sor Orchestrel pieces. Op 6; Zemlensky (Maeterfinck Songs, Op 13); Schoenberg (Chamber Symphony No 1. Op 9b); 8.49 What was the scandal? David Farming chairs a discussion, 9.00 Berg (Altenberg Liedor, Op 4). Mahler (Kindertotenlieder) 9.40 Expressionism goes to Hollywood. Christopher Cook evamenes the nature of expressionist chamber 10.25 Mozant and Prokoffey. Coull Quartet pbys Mozant (Quartet

Quartet plays Mozart (Quartet in B Rat, K 458), Prokofiev uartel No 1, Op 50) (r) 11.30 News 11.35 Composers of the Week. Thomas Talks (Remember Not, Magnifical and Nuric Dentitis, O secrum convivium, Fantasia; Salvator mundi I; Felix namque I. Salvator mundi II, Spem in they include the composer's widow, the conductor Leonard Station, the winter Michael Konnedy, and Vaughan alsum) (r) 1.00am Night School not in Scotland (r)

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RADIO 4

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5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 8.10 Faming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 6.45 Business News
7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45
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9.05 Desert leland Discs (r)
9.45 Feedbeck with Chris Dunkley
10.00 News; End of a Line (Fitti
only): Corocto Fishermen, in
the final programme of the
sones, Paul Heney discovers
that when seven stars shine at
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fishing, with coracle boats on 10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only)
Jeremiah The first of seven episodes read from the Authorised Version by Alan Bates

Bales 10.30 Woman's Hour Jenni Mils presents a phone-in on coping with debt (0273 238 6000 lines 11.30 The Natural History

Programme Elephant and Rhino for sale. Aler Kirby reports from Japan on the culcome of a crucial meeting on the tate of these endangered widilite.

12.00 News; You said Yours, with John Howard

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12.25pm The Food Programme, with Derok Cooper 12.55
Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial:
Buddenbrooks: The deckine of a Family by Thomas Mann, adapted in six parts (4) (s)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf, Nigol Forde lalks to Dirk Bogarde about his new novel, Jercho

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7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.19 Pick Of The Week (FM only)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only)
8.05 Any Caussions: The panel is Dafydd Wigley, MP, president of Plad Cymru: Sir lan Wingolesworth, industrialist and tormer president of the Liberal Democrats; Michael Meacher MP, and David Melor MP From Langennith, Gower
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel 8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel

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9.15 Kalekdoscope

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11.00 Week Ending: A review of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Lesley Sharp and Patrick Marber (s)
11.25 Financial Week (s)
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43 an News, and 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (L.W only).

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